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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JULY 9, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present when the Board was called to order the President, Director Brosseau, in the chair, and Directors Bowers, Lindstrand, Cigrand and Roulston.

Absent — Directors Eckhart, Lowe, Despres and Novak.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 25, 1906, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received for the opening of delivery stations as follows:

Wm. Stoetzel, 1983 Milwaukee avenue, Mrs. R. Sheldon, 278 E. Thirty-fifth street, and J. Etsinger, 1443 E. Sixty-ninth street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

Communications were also received:

From Abraham Oberman, page, requesting the Board to transfer him from the reference room to the position in the reading room made vacant by the resignation of R. C. Neubauer.

Action deferred temporarily.

From Chester J. Challenger, page, requesting the Board to transfer him from the day service to the evening service.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Wm. B. Sprotts, page, and Peter Anderson, window washer, tendering their resignations as employés of the Board.

Director Bowers moved that the resignations of the foregoing employés be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $300 per year, and for a window

washer at a salary of $600 per year, to fill the vacancies.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The President called up the question of the adoption of the proposed amendments to the by-laws.

Whereupon, Director Bowers moved that action upon the by-laws be postponed until the next regular meeting and that it be made a special order under "Unfinished Businesss."

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Bowers, for the Committee, presented a list of miscellaneous bills for continuations, miscellaneous periodicals, etc., amounting to $65.59 agreed upon by the Committee and moved that the bills be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Also, the report of the Librarian for the month of June, 1906, and recommended that it be ordered filed and printed.

The recommendation was concurred in.

Also, the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Lindstrand, Cigrand, Roulston and the President—5.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$ 569.80
D. Appleton & Co., books	10.00
J. B. Edmondson, books	38.51
Theodore G. Case, books	62.80
DeBower-Elliott Co., books	27.00
B. F. Stevens & Brown, books and periodicals, £142/11/7 (est.)	685.78
G. E. Stechert & Co., books and periodicals	21.25
Matthew Bell & Co., binding, £13/-/-(est.)	63.44
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	184.25
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	319.50
Joseph Flucke, binding	532.60
The Barrett Bindery Co., binders	15 91
Peterson Linotype Co., composition, etc. (on bulletins)	47.27
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	8.51
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	38 88
The Shaw-Walker Co., cards	9.50
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	16.37
Central Printing & Engraving Co., printing	7.50
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	7.30
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing	38.00
James Watson & Co., printing	14.50
A. L. A. Publishing Board, periodical cards	6.30
Schulkins & Co., printing	15.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., table, etc.	11.75
J. F. Mally, photograph for slides	5.00
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for June, 1906	137.94
	$2,894.66

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Bowers, Chairman, called up the petition of Abraham Oberman, asking for a transfer to the reading room and moved that it be granted, and that his salary be fixed at $500 per annum.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Lindstrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Lindstrand, Cigrand, Roulston and the President—5.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., auto gasoline	64.50
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., motor tire	46.72
Knox Automobile Co., auto supplies	81.82
Geo. A. Crane Co., auto supplies	16.10

The Adapt Machinery Co., re-babbitting rods	8.60
Samuel Harris & Co., auto supplies	9.46
Wayman & Murphy, auto supplies	7.50
Gallaher & Speck, repairs on autos	11 20
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, repairing trunks	27.50
John J. McGrath, hanging station signs	9 50
	$297.90

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

In the absence of the members of the Committee, Director Lindstrand moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be acted upon in open Board.

Carried.

The Secretary then presented the following bills for June, 1906:

Maurice Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Av. reading room	60.00
Ernst Stock, Agent, rent, North Av. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Av. reading room	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Av. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., gas	16.15
Ogden Gas Co., gas and arc lamp rental	10.10
N. B. Gray, carpenter work	50.07
Wisconsin Lakes Ice Co., ice	46.32
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service	83.75
J. F. McGuire, street sprinkling	30.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	29.87
Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	12.21
Charles Obermeyer, moving furniture	8.50
L. O. Liljegren, repairing master clock	5.00
Geo. B. Carpenter & Co., recovering awning, etc	15.39
Crane Co., bushings, pipes, etc	52.06
Fred Mihell & Co., waste	9.94
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	6.64
Burdett-Rowntree Mfg. Co., lock plates	12.50
The Shavings & Sawdust Co., sawdust	6.00
W. H. Salisbury & Co., rubber tips	9.00
Morrisson, Plummer & Co., vaseline, ammonia, etc	6.42
Library Bureau, furniture	115.80
Tyler & Hippach, resetting plate glass lights	235.00
Marshall Field & Co., linoleum, etc	14.93
John H. Miller Co., repointing dome at Blackstone	19.70
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware supplies	17.46
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone	67.44
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for June, 1906	63.67
	$1 358.92

Director Bowers moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Lindstrand, Cigrand, Roulston and the President—5.

Nays—None.

Director Despres entered the room and took his seat.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Bowers, for the Committee, presented the report of the International Audit Company upon their audit of the books, accounts and annual report of the Public Library for the quarter and year ended May 31, 1906, and moved that it be received and be printed and filed.

Carried.

July 9, 1906.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Gentlemen:—We have carefully audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the months of March, April and May, 1906, completing, thereby, the year ending 31st May, 1906.

We beg to present the following statements, viz;—

1. Ledger Balances, 31st May, 1906.

2. Statement of Quarterly Receipts and Expenditures of Library Fund from 1st March, 1906, to 31st May, 1906.

3. Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for the months of March, April and May, 1906.

We hand you herewith the Secretary's Official Report for the year ending 31st May, 1906, to which we have appended our doquet.

We take pleasure in stating that the books and accounts are well and carefully kept. Yours faithfully,

THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT COMPANY
By ROBERT NELSON.
Certified Public Accountant, Manager.

LEDGER BALANCES, 31ST MAY, 1906.

DEBITS.

Due from Comptroller	$577,911.67
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00
Tax Warrants	20,000.00
Real Estate—Jackson Blvd. and Sherman St.	160,000.00
Cash	31,006.89
	$798,418.56

CREDITS.

Public Library Fund:		
Fund of 1879 and prior years	$ 23,534.44	
Library Fund	346,180.34	
Delinquent Taxes	23,126.73	
Reserve Fund for Interest	70.16	
	$392,911.67	
W. H. Ryder Fund	10,000.00	
W. H. Ryder Fund Interest	2,505.54	
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	
Jerome Beecher Fund Interest	1,494.43	
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	
Hiram Kelly Income	3,345.84	
Security Deposits	820.25	
Special Deposits	100.00	
Incidental Fund	240.83	
Reserve for Cost of Taxes	30,000.00	
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation	155,000.00	
		$798,418.56

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND, STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THREE MONTHS ENDING 31ST MAY, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund, 28th February, 1906		$131,826.66
Appropriation by City Council	$425,000.00	
Less: Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation, etc	155,000.00	270,000.00

Settlement of Interest on Deposits of E. Hummel as per City Comptroller's communication on 15th May, 1906, to Chicago Public Library			496.76
Miscellaneous Receipts			1,396.02
			$403,719.44

EXPENDITURES.

Books		$ 6,129.28	
Newspapers and Periodicals		627.88	
Binding		3,391.64	
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds		41.50	
Finding Lists		101.92	
Freight and Expressage		118.14	
Postage		161.50	
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous		797.97	
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous		1,317.25	
Salaries:			
Main Library	$29,384.47		
Branch Reading Rooms	1,845.30		
Delivery Stations	3,626.82	34,856.59	
Miscellaneous Expense		886.47	
Printing and Stationery		954.30	
Fuel		2,645.96	
Heating and Generating Plant		320.08	
Electric Supplies and Repairs		49.46	
Repairs, Alterations, etc.		223.75	
Elevator Supplies and Repairs		38.83	
Janitors' Expense		114.84	
Furniture and Fixtures		1,872.65	
Insurance		610.95	
Blackstone Branch Library		1,449.93	
		$56,710.89	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants		828.21	
			57,539.10
Balance of Library Fund, 31st May, 1906			$346,180.34
Fund of 1879 and prior years			23,534.44
Library Fund			346,180.34
Delinquent Taxes			23,126.73
Reserve for cost of Taxes, 1905			30,000.00
Reserve for Interest			70.16
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation			155,000.00
			$577,911.67

Cash Receipts and Expenditures, Three Months Ending 31st May, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

	March, 1906	April, 1906.	May, 1906.
Cash Balance at close of previous months	$ 5,632.63	$16,049.82	$26,797.45
Comptroller, for Incidental Fund	303.93	338.89	326.92
Miscellaneous Receipts	4.80	6.70	51.43
Finding Lists	82.32	46.29	38.86
Books Lost and Paid for	54.90	43.45	42.00
Deposits	209.50	104.00	143.50
Fines	692.10	631.99	682.46
Kelly Fund Income	493.15	643.84	1,711.64
Beecher Fund Income		104.66	7.67
Ryder Fund Income		26.16	1.92
Tax Warrants	10,000.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
Duplicates			22.00
	$17,473.33	$40,495.80	$52,325.85

EXPENDITURES.

Comptroller	$ 488.07	$ 412.43	$ 495.52
Deposits Repaid	250.50	143.00	162.50
Books	143.24	63.48	84.33
Newspapers and Periodicals	47.86	49.34	46.84
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds	17.00	13.50	11.00
Freight and Expressage	41.48	67.44	9.22
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	4.86	9.63	7.55
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	3.40	3.35	7.25
Blackstone Branch	.45	2.00	2.48
Miscellaneous Expense	33.70	28.15	26.41
Postage	35.00	71.50	55.00
Printing and Stationery	6.10	15.17	2.55
Heating and Generating Plant	5.80	1.50	3.54
Electric Supplies and Repairs		1.33	
Janitors' Expense			3.00
Pension Fund	346.05	316.00	341.23
Kelly Fund Income			10.14
Ryder Fund Income—Books			50.40
Tax Warrants		12,500.00	20,000.00
Balance on hand at close of months	16,049.82	26,797.45	31,006.89
	$17,473.33	$40,495.80	$52,325.85

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	March, 1906.	April, 1906.	May, 1906.
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,527.86	2,554.02	2,505.54
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000 00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,382.10	1,486.76	1,494.43
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	1,000.50	1,644.34	3,345.84
Incidental Fund	161.11	173.08	240.83
Security Deposits	878.25	839.25	820.25
Special Deposits	100.00	100.00	100.00
	$218,049.82	$218,797.45	$220,506.89
Deduct:			
Mortgage Loans:			
Ryder and Beecher Funds Invested	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
Tax Warrants, City of Chicago	32,500.00	22,500.00	20,000.00
Real Estate:			
Jackson Boulevard and Sherman Street	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
	$202,000.00	$192,000.00	$189,500.00
	$16,049.82	$26,797.45	$31,006.89

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The President presented the Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Board, prepared for the City Council, which was read by the Secretary.

Director Cigrand moved that the report be adopted and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the City Council.

Carried.

The Secretary presented his annual report and the annual report of the Librarian for the year ended May 31, 1906.

Director Bowers moved that these reports be received and be made a part of the annual report of the Board.

Carried.

Director Bowers moved that 1,000 copies of the annual report be printed in pamphlet form at a cost of, about, $125.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Bowers, Despres, Lindstrand, Cigrand, Roulston and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Cigrand proposed to amend the by-laws by adding the following as Article VIII.

Any member of this Board who shall absent himself from more than three consectutive regular meetings, unless prevented by sickness, or absence from the city, shall, unless excused by the Board, be reported to his Honor, the Mayor, with the recommendation that his resignation be demanded.

Laid over.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR JUNE, 1906.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of June was 106,535, against 108,701 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 26 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,098.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1906.	1905.
Number of recorded visitors	8,662	8,220
Books issued from stacks	23,045	21,974

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 1,892. Books consulted, 5,940.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1906.	1905.
Number of visitors	1,956	1,722
Volumes consulted	9,026	8,021

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 228. Bound newspapers consulted, 480. Books for the blind circulated, 5.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,352. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 159. Average maximum attendance per hour, 219.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Number of visitors	1,734	1,231	1,647	6,620	1,578	4,046
Periodicals issued	742	642	1,391	3,262	1,909	———
Books issued	1,035	692	596	5,653	480	———
Average Sunday visitors	17	33	24	154	42	86
Women visitors	80	267	185	2,645	82	744
Books circulated	1,652	1,012	968	1,255	713	1,117

BRANCH READING ROOMS IN SMALL PARKS.

	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.
Mean attendance per hour	12	19	22
Average maximum attendance per hour	18	22	33

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 16. Average maximum attendance per hour. 36. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 3,831, of which 411 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 72 delivery stations was 68,189, against 68,609 from 68 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,072, of which 1,055 were issued to males and 1,017 to females. The registration of June, 1905, was 2,027. The number of two-year cards outstanding is 70,782.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies June 1, 1906.	3,600
Number of books sent to binderies in June	2,709
Total number of books at binderies in June	6,309
Number of books received from binderies in June	2,389
Number of books at binderies June 30, 1906	3,920
Number of books repaired in Library in June	4,010

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library June 30, 1906, was 324,082. Received since June 1, 1906, 973. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 460. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 47. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 6.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Per G.,
Librarian.

Chicago, July 9, 1906.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JULY 23, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Brosseau, in the chair, and Directors Bowers, Eckhart, Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—None.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Bowers moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 1906, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk:

City Clerk's Office,
Chicago, July 17, 1906.

"*Mr. William B. Wickersham,*
"*Secretary Chicago Public Library.*

"*Dear Sir:*—I have the honor to inform you that the following named persons were appointed as members of the Library Board of the City of Chicago by his honor, the Mayor, on July 9, 1906, which appointments were concurred in by the City Council:

"Graham Taylor to succeed John W. Lowe,

"Julius Stern to succeed Samuel Despres,

"Dr. A. Lagorio to succeed F. A. Lindstrand.

"Since which time the above named gentlemen have called at this office and qualified.

"Yours respectfully,
"A. C. Anson, *City Clerk.*
"By Edward J. Padden, *Chief Clerk.*"

Ordered to be filed.

Communications were also received as follows:

From Prof. Geo. E. Vincent, president of the Municipal museum of Chicago, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter and stating that Mr. Howard Shaw had been appointed to carry out the agreement of the Municipal museum with

reference to restoring and re-decorating certain rooms in the Library building.

Ordered to be filed.

From Edward C. Waller, Jr., asking if the Board will sell the lot at the southwest corner of Sherman street and Jackson boulevard, and if so, what price would be placed upon it.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Librarian of the Public Library, Museums and National Gallery of Victoria at Melbourne, Australia, thanking the Board for its congratulations and kind wishes on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Public Library of that Province.

Ordered to be filed.

From Miss Harriet L. Cady, 6047 Ellis avenue, a blind lady, asking the privilege of having two cards issued to her, one for books for the blind and one for books in ordinary print.

Director Bowers moved that the request of Miss Cady be granted.

Carried.

From Alderman Nicholas R. Finn, of the twentieth ward, requesting the Board to establish a delivery station in the vicinity of Robey and Harrison streets.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens in the vicinity of 199 Center street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at that number under the care of Mathew Gerber.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From F. W. Chapman, 1602 W. Sixty-third street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From A. L. Harris, elevator operator, requesting the Board to allow him to continue at work during the period of 21 days to which he is entitled as vacation and to draw extra pay for said period which would otherwise be drawn by a substitute working in his place.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Henry M. Applegate, page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Bowers moved that the resignation of Mr. Applegate be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page to fill the vacancy at a salary of $300 per annum.

Carried

From Mary T. Pierce, tendering her resignation as an employé in the catalog department of the Library.

Director Bowers moved that the resignation of Miss Pierce be accepted and that the Secretary be requested to convey to her an expression of the Board's appreciation of her work and character while in its employ.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The President called up the report on the revision of the by-laws.

By consent, action was deferred until later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Bowers, for the Committee, recommended that the following lists of books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 48 volumes, to cost $55.

A list of English books, 18 volumes, to cost $66.

Also, that a list of bills comprising continuations, special books, etc., amounting to $149.34, be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Also, that The Catholic Encyclopaedia, comprising 15 volumes, be ordered purchased for the sum of $90, to be paid for as delivered.

Director Bowers moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Eckhart, Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—9.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Bowers, Chairman, presented the following report upon vacancies, appointments and changes in salary for May and June, 1906, and it was ordered to be printed and filed:

Emma Rommeiss Campbell, clerk, resigned April 25 (resignation received in May).

Montgomery A. Hill, page, resigned May 1.

Elmer E. Challenger, page, resigned May 5.

Mark Hoffman, page, resigned May 5.

Ervin W. Tenny, page, resigned May 12.

George W. Breault, page, ceased to report for duty May 15.

Fred F. Rex, superintendent of branch reading room, resigned June 4.

Isabel M. White, clerk, discharged June 9.

Rebecca McCarthy, janitress, transferred to another City department June 12.

Helen W. Chapin, clerk, discharged June 13.

Ella Goodman, clerk, discharged June 13.

Lille E. Scott, clerk, discharged June 13.

Pages appointed $300 per year:

Joshua Bernstein, June 4.
John F. James, June 5.
Ralph Kennedy, June 5.
Stanislav M. Kolar, June 5.
Henry Schaefer, June 5.

Clerks appointed, $400 per year:

Pearl I. Field, June 12.
Florence W. Arnold, June 14.
Edith E. Graham, June 18.
Agatha A. Wieboldt, June 18.

Janitress appointed, $540 per year:

Amelia Williams, June 20.

Pages increased in salary, $350 to $400:

George Manosevitch; June 23.
Isadore Stern, June 27.

Clerk decreased in salary, $550 to $300:

Mathilda S. Nodek, June 5 (transferred to branch reading room, morning session).

Director Bowers, also, stated that John F. Phelan, cataloger, had been compelled to remain away from the Library for two weeks on account of a contagious disease in his family, and moved that he be allowed pay for the time lost.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws having again been called up, Director Roulston moved that action upon the same be postponed until the first regular meeting in October next, in order to give the new members of the Board an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the old by-laws and with the proposed amendments.

Carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The President having called for reports of Special Committees and the Committees not being ready to report in full, stated that such Committees would be considered discharged unless re-appointed by the new President of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS.

The President stated that the next order of business would be the election of officers.

Director Eckhart nominated Director Bowers for President.

Director Roulston seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, on motion of Director Eckhart, Director Bowers was elected President for the ensuing year by acclamation.

Director Brosseau then vacated the chair and after thanking the Board for courtesies extended during the past year, introduced the new President.

Director Bowers took the chair and thanked the Board for the honor conferred upon him.

The nomination of Vice-President being in order,

Director Roulston nominated Director Cigrand.

Director Novak seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Director Roulston moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Board for Director Cigrand for Vice-President.

The Secretary having cast the ballot, the President declared Director Cigrand elected Vice-President for the ensuing year.

The election of Secretary being in order,

Director Brosseau nominated W. B. Wickersham.

The nomination was seconded by Director Novak.

Director Roulston moved that nominations be closed and that the President be requested to cast one ballot for Mr. Wickersham for Secretary.

The ballot having been cast, the President declared Mr. Wickersham elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Director Eckhart moved that the thanks of the Board be extended to Director Brosseau for his successful administration of the affairs of the Board as President during the last year.

Carried by rising vote—all standing.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Stern.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel, stating that he will at once ascertain the status of the case brought before Judge Cutting some time ago for the purpose of authorizing Mr. Leonard A. Busby, executor of the estate of Huntington W. Jackson, to pay to the Public Library $1,000 left by Mr. Jackson to the "Free Lending Library for the Blind, Home Teaching," which library had been transferred to the Chicago Public Library prior to his death.

Ordered to be filed.

The following communications were received from ex-Director Colin C. H. Fyffe;

"Wood, Fyffe & Adcock,
"Attorneys at Law.

"Chicago, July 30, 1906.

"*William B. Wickersham, Esq.,*
"*Secretary, Chicago Public Library.*
"*Chicago, Illinois.*

"*Dear Sir:*—I had an interview last week with Hon. Lawrence E. McGann, City Comptroller, in regard to the indebtedness, if I may call it so, of the city to the Public Library.

"The subject was broached by Mr. McGann, and the suggestion which I wish to bring before you was made wholly by him. Mr. McGann expressed himself strongly to the effect that the city owed a duty to the Public Library to turn over to the library fund the moneys so long due it from the City.

"I do not know to which of the Library's two claims Mr. McGann referred. The earlier claim is for a balance of principal amounting to $23,534.44, arising from the Council's order of March 1, 1880, directing a transfer to the general fund of all balances then to the credit of the various departments of the City. The second claim is for $40,917.90 ex-

pended by the Library Board under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works for improvements of a permanent character in the fourth floor of the City Hall, and agreed to be repaid under the resolution of the City Council adopted November 16, 1885.

"I know Mr. McGann is fully aware of the facts connected with both these items. I think it likely, therefore, that his reference was to both. He urged strongly that the Library Board should, toward the end of the year, file a petition for mandamus directed against the members of the City Council to compel the Council in the annual appropriation bill for next year to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay these claims. Mr. McGann said that in the present financial condition of the City, there would be no difficulty in providing the funds for the payment and that this was, therefore, the time to strike.

"There is in round numbers involved the sum of $64,000.00. Interest allowed at 5 per cent. would amount to over 100 per cent. more. I felt under the circumstances that, as Mr. McGann had spoken so freely about the matter, it lay with me to call his suggestion to your attention, that it might come before the Board if you thought fit.

"I am,

"Very truly yours,

"Colin C. H. Fyffe."

"Chicago, August 1, 1906.

"*William B. Wickersham, Esq.*,

"*Secretary, Chicago Public Library,*

"*Chicago, Illinois.*

"*Dear Mr. Wickersham:*—Mr. Sullivan, representing some of the Foley heirs, called upon me this afternoon and makes the following suggestion:

"A petition has been filed to assign the dower interest of the widow in the property. There is also, some dispute among the heirs as to the amounts collected by them respectively for rentals of the property. It is suggested that a bill be filed between the heirs for an accounting and a receiver be appointed to collect the rents, and that in such case the rents be paid over to the Library until such time as the principal of the debt is reduced from $5,000 to $4,000, in the meantime the interest to be kept up promptly as heretofore. It seems a fair proposition.

"Very truly yours,

"Colin C. H. Fyffe."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Communications were, also, received as follows:

From J. H. Van Vlissingen & Co., asking whether or not the lot at No. 2 Sherman street is for sale, and stating that that company has a customer for such a piece of property.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From citizens residing in the vicinity of Davis Square, praying the Board to purchase books in the Lithuanian language for the use of persons who are unable to read English.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From R. J. O'Leary, a window washer, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignation of Mr. O'Leary be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a window washer to fill the vacancy at a salary of $600 per annum.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books and bills agreed upon by the Committee and recommended that the books be purchased and that the bills be paid from the incidental fund.

A list of current American books, 34 vols., to cost $50.

A list of current English books, 20 vols., to cost $40.

Miscellaneous books, 42 vols., to cost $65.

A list of bills for miscellaneous books, continuations, periodicals, etc., amounting to $91.23.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau reported back the communication of Sears, Roebuck & Co., requesting that that company be granted a list of 200 books of its choice from the Chicago Public Library; that upon its assuming the responsibility for the care and safe return of the books it be permitted to circulate them and that at the end of two months the books be exchanged for a new set; and stated that the Committee does not deem it wise to allow such a privilege at the present time, and would, therefore, recommend that the petition be not granted.

Carried.

Director Brosseau, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$195.71
Otto Harrassowitz, books Marks 1327.35 (est)	318.56
Joseph Flucke, binding	608.70
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	285.96
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	227.66
Barrett Bindery Co., binders	7.74
Peterson Linotype Co., composition on bulletin No. 75	27.51
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	18 00
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	4.38
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	7.92
Central Printing and Engraving Co., printing	6.75
Geo. E. Cole & Co., misc. stationery	26.15
H. S. Parrish, rubber stamps	17.40
James Watson & Co., printing	45.95
Library Bureau, acme pockets and cards	165 74
	$1964.13

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, reported the following recommendations:

That Chester J. Challenger, a page in the day service, be transferred to the evening service at a salary of $400 per year.

That the petition of A. L. Harris, elevator operator, praying that he be allowed to work during his vacation time and draw 21 days' extra pay, be not granted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	54.60
Geo. A. Crane Co., auto supplies	50.33

F restone Tire & Rubber Co., rubber tire, etc	46 72
The Diamond Rubber Co., rubber tire	41.80
American Battery Co., repairing storage batteries, etc	16.95
Samuel Harris & Co., Auto supplies	10.84
	$236.24

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, stated that in accordance with the authority of the Board given May 14, 1906, the Committee had received from the architects of the building two blue prints and drawings, illustrating two methods of changing the outside steps and loading platform on Garland court, together with four bids on each method.

That the first method, which is the cheaper, contemplates a small amount of work which would be of rather a temporary character, the lowest bid for which is $225.

That the second plan contemplates an entire change of the granite steps and rails and the erection of a substantial platform between the two sets of steps, and would be of a permanent character, over which at any time a metal canopy and an enclosure might be built, and that the lowest bid for this plan is that of Wm. Mavor Company, in the sum of $624. Believing that the second plan is the better the Committee recommended its adoption.

Director Eckhart, in view of the fact that the lowest bid for this work is over $500, moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to advertise for bids for constructing a new loading platform according to the second plan as contemplated by the blue print.

The motion prevailed.

Director Novak presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Maurice Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. branch reading room	60.00
Ernst Stock, rent, North Ave. branch reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. branch reading room	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. branch reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., branch reading room	100.00
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., gas	31.96
Ogden Gas Co., gas and arc lamp rental	8.90
Marshall Field & Co., carpet, etc	25.96
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	18.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	51.89
Lussky, White & Coolidge, upholstery goods	7.65
J. F. McGuire, sprinkling street	30.00
A. Henrotin Co., soap	30.00
James Moyles, repairing chairs	17.25
Anderson Art Co., restoring etchings, etc.	25.65
City Collector, street car books, etc	7.74
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	371.80
McMaster-Davis Supply Co., packing	11.61
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	32.76
Crane Co., engineers supplies	31.48
Gallaher & Speck, engineers supplies	14 80
John F. Walsh, engineers supplies	10.94
Illinois Electric Co., electric fans, etc	76.77
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	18.35
James H. Rice Co., red lead, etc	13.10
Bullard & Gormley Co., misc. hardware supplies	22.35
Alexander H. Revell & Co., oak chair, etc	10.50

Wiley, Corlies & Magill, insurance, fixtures, etc., branch reading rooms	170.25
Eliel & Loeb, insurance on automobiles, etc	96.19
deRoode, Faulkner & Ettelson, insurance on bldg.....	10.25
Rollo, Webster & Co., insurance on automobiles...	60.00
Wm. H. Warren Mfg. Co.,carpenter work (during part of three months)	234.00
Comommonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone (two months).....	122.16
Pittsbugh Coal Co., coal, Blackstone....	7.25
Knickerbocker Ice Co.,ice, Blackstone...	4.55
W. V. Gary, sprinkling streets around Blackstone (three months).....	25.00
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for July, 1906.....	157.56
	$2,171.67

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, presented a bill from the American Bonding Company of Baltimore for $30 for premium on the bond of the Secretary, audited and approved, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Cigrand reported progress in the matter of the request of the "Social and Mutual Advancement Association of the Blind of Chicago" for teachers for the adult blind of the city, etc.

NEW BUSINESS.

The President announced the Standing Committees for the year 1906-1907 as follows:

Library: Brosseau, Cigrand and Stern.

Administration: Roulston, Eckhart and Lagorio.

Delivery Stations: Cigrand, Brosseau and Taylor.

Buildings and Grounds: Novak, Cigrand and Stern.

Finance: Eckhart, Novak and Taylor.

By-Laws: Stern, Roulston and Lagorio.

The President, also, stated that he had caused the renewal of the Secretary's bond in the amount of $10,000 with the American Bonding Company of Baltimore and that the same was then in his possession.

The action of the President was concurred in.

Director Brosseau moved that when the Board should adjourn it should adjourn until Monday, September 10, 1906, at eight o'clock p. m.

Carried.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Taylor.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Brosseau moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 1906, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Chas. Lhotka, superintendent of Sunday, holiday and evening service, praying the Board to grant him compensation for 17 days lost in August and September, 1906, on account of illness, and enclosing a certificate from his physician.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Martin Schnee, wood finisher, praying the Board to grant him compensation for 27 working days lost on account of an accident to himself rendering him unable for duty. A physician's certificate accompanies his petition.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Wm. D. Witt, stack room clerk, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Cigrand moved that the resignation of Mr. Witt be accepted and that the Secretary be directed to extend to him an expression of the Board's appreciation of his character and services while in its employ.

Carried.

Resignations were received from John I. Byrne, elevator operator, and from the following pages:

H. T. Isacowitz, Robert M. Smith, Stanislav M. Kolar, Mark Hoffman and James B. Ryan.

Director Cigrand moved that the resignations of the foregoing elevator operator and pages be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make requisitions upon the Civil Service Commission for an elevator operator at a salary of $600 per year and for five pages at a salary of $300 per year each.

The motion prevailed.

Communications were received from John Morrissy, 945 Homan avenue, and from Anthony Bridis, 2463 Kensington avenue, praying the Board to establish delivery stations at their numbers.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the following lists of books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 122 vols., to cost $130.

A list of current English books, 68 vols., to cost $200.

A list of miscellaneous books, 15 vols., to cost $50.

2. That one hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books in the Lithuanian language for patrons in the vicinity of Davis Square.

3. That an appropriation of $100 be made for Library of Congress printed catalog cards.

4. That a list of bills for continuations, special books, miscellaneous periodicals, etc., amounting to $103.40, be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

5. That the reports of the Librarian for July and August, 1906, be ordered printed and filed.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$228.37
The Moulton Publishing Co., books	40.00
The Chicago Directory Co., Directories	37.50
Henry Wark, books	43.00
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	298.20
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	412.50
Joseph Flucke, binding	374.79
The Barrett Bindery Co., binders	7.62
Gane Brothers & Co., paper	10.50
Vincenzo Sarraco, daily papers	20.70
Central Printing and Engraving Co., time cards	6.00
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	16.75
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	5.70
Librarian of Congress, printed catalog cards	100.00
Library Bureau, cards	22.15
Western Bank Note and Engraving Co., stationery	37.50
James Watson & Co., printing	52.25
DeLang, Coles & Putnam, printing	8.00
Safford Stamp Works, dates and holders	10.81
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for August, 1906	174.72
	$1,907.06

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration begs leave to report the following recommendations on matters coming under its jurisdiction:

1. That the Librarian be authorized to detail two clerks from the circulating department to duty in the cataloguing department on account of vacancies created by the resignation of two clerks from the latter department.

2. That the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commission for two clerks at a salary of $400 per year each to fill vacancies created in the circulating department by the transfer of two clerks to the cataloguing department.

3. That the salary of Louis S. Dautel, a page in the delivery stations department, be increased from $450 to $550 per year, to date from September 1, 1906.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. J. ROULSTON,
A. LAGORIO,
JOHN W. ECKHART,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago, September 10, 1906.

Director Roulston, also, presented the following report upon vacancies, appointments and changes of salary during July and August, 1906, which was received and ordered printed and filed:

Richard C. Neubauer, page, resigned June 26 (resignation received in July).

William B. Sprotts, page, resigned July 1.

Peter Anderson, window washer, resigned July 9.

Henry M. Applegate, page, resigned July 14.

Mary T. Pierce, clerk, resigned July 23.

Richard O'Leary, window washer, resigned August 4.

Harry T. Isacowitz, page, resigned August 4.

Florence A. Ryan, janitress, transferred to another city department August 11.

Catherine M. Austin, janitress, transferred to another city department August 11.

Guy V. Dalrymple, page, discharged August 11.

John I. Byrne, elevator operator, resigned August 16.

Robert N. Smith, page, resigned August 27.

Office boy appointed, $6.00 per week:
Gerald Gearon, July 2.

Clerk appointed, $400 per year:
Ada M. Lanquist, July 16.

Janitress appointed, $540 per year:
Jennie Keegan, August 16.

Pages appointed, $300 per year:
Harris Jacobson, August 5.
William L. Greeley, August 5.
Edward T. Mannix, August 5.
Robert N. Smith, August 6.
Guy V. Dalrymple, August 6.
James V. Ryan, August 7.
Oldrich Fisera, August 10.
Harry O'Brien, August 10.
Mark Hoffman, August 10.
Edward J. Cervenka, August 14.
Harry Burlow, August 27.

Pages increased in salary, $300 to $350:
Joseph J. Augustus, July 11.
John V. Scanlan, July 12.
Charles J. Beatty, July 19.
William Sheridan, July 22.

Pages increased in salary, $350 to $400:
Harry T. Isacowitz, July 6.
Ladislav Budil, August 24.

Page increased in salary, $400 to $500:
Abraham Oberman, July 16.

Page decreased in salary, $500 to $400:
Chester J. Challenger, August 14 (transferred to evening service).

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented and read the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations begs leave to report back a number of petitions for the opening of delivery stations and recommends that they be filed, because of proximity to other stations.

They are as follows:

J. Etsinger, 1443 E. Sixty-ninth street,
Wm. Stoetzel, 1983 Milwaukee avenue,
Mrs. R. Sheldon, 278 E. Thirty-fifth street,
G. R. Tucker, 914 W. Harrison street,
F. W. Chapman, 1602 W. Sixty-third street,
Mathew Gerber, 199 Center street,
John C. Morrissy, 945 Homan avenue,
Anthony Bridis, 2463 Kensington avenue.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. J. CIGRAND,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

Chicago, Sept. 10, 1906.

Director Cigrand, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Standard Oil Co., gasoline	$84.50
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., rubber tire	46.72
The Diamond Rubber Co., rubber tire, etc.	45.82
Valvoline Oil Co., oil	22 73
J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	15.00
Knox Automobile Co., repair parts for automobiles	12.00
John J. McGrath, delivery station sign	6 00
Fred Mihell & Co., wipers	4.10
	$236.87

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs to report that in accordance with authority given at last meeting of the Board proposals for alterations in the granite steps at the entrances to the Library building from Garland court were advertised for and bids were received and opened on August 29th, ult., and were as follows:

C. Everett Clark Co.	$ 766.00
William Mavor Co.	692.00
E. R. Stranberg Co.	1,150.00
Henry Gilsdorff's Sons	845.00
Gindele Bros. & Co.	650.00

Your Committee recommends that a contract be awarded to Gindele Bros. & Co. for this work upon its bid of $650, that company being the lowest bidder, and that it be required to give a bond in the amount of three hundred and fifty ($350) dollars to secure the faithful performance of the work.

Your Committee would, also, recommend that the contract with Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works for Cylinder oil at 55 cents per gallon, ten off, and for Dynamo oil at 35 cents per gallon, ten off, be renewed for the year beginning September, 1906, with the understanding that the amount of the bills for the year shall not exceed $250.

Also, that a new set of grate bars be ordered for boiler No. 2 at an expense of about $80.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. NOVAK,
B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, Sept. 10, 1906.

Director Novak stated that sundry repairs to the main Library building and Blackstone branch must be done before winter, in the nature of tuck pointing, repairing roofs, domes, etc., and on behalf of the Committee requested authority to make such repairs as may be necessary at a cost of not exceeding $250.

Director Brosseau moved that the authority asked for be given to the Committee.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Novak reported that the Committee had met the Board of Local Improvements on two occasions and had protested against the asphalting of Randolph street, and that final action would be taken by the Board on September 26th inst., and asked for further instructions.

By unanimous consent the Committee was instructed by the President to use all proper means to prevent the re-paving of Randolph street at the north end of the building with asphalt, or any other material.

Director Novak, also, requested permission to obtain bids for supplying the Blackstone branch library and reading room on North avenue with anthracite coal for the ensuing season.

Authority was given as requested.

He, also, called the attention of the Board to the bids for a bulletin board in the corridor leading from the Washington street staircase hall to the reference room, which were referred to the Committee June 25, 1906, and stated that the lowest bid was considerably over $500, and consequently it would be necessary to advertise for bids for this work.

Director Cigrand moved that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for bids for making and installing a bronze bulletin board in the location mentioned.

Carried.

Director Novak stated that the Municipal museum had re-painted the walls and ceilings of the south room on the fourth floor, and the north room on the fifth floor of the Library building, in accordance with the agreement between the Library and the Museum; that under the agreement the Museum was to make good the floor of the south room on the

fourth floor and the Library was to pay for one-half the cost of painting the walls and ceilings of the north room on the fifth floor, and that as the floor of the south room on the fourth floor is so badly damaged that its restoration is practically impossible, unless at a very great expense, he moved that the Librarian be authorized to confer with the Museum people and say to them that if they will pay the entire expense of re-decorating the walls and ceiling of the north room on the fifth floor the Library will release them from all obligation as to the floor of the south room on the fourth floor.

The motion prevailed.

Director Novak stated that he had examined the policies of insurance placed by the Jonathan Clark estate upon the Brother Jonathan building, running five years from August 13th ult., and believed them to be sound and safe.

The companies are as follows:

Commonwealth of N. Y.	$ 5,000
Commercial Union of London	5,000
Newark	5,000
Aetna, Hartford, Conn.	5,000
Liverpool & London & Globe	10,000
Continental Insurance Co., N.Y.	5,000
Insurance Co. of North America	5,000
	$40,000

The report was accepted.

Director Brosseau was excused and left the room.

Director Novak, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Lewis Institute, rent, etc., branch reading room	$ 100.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. branch reading room	75.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. branch reading room	65.00
Ernst Stock, agt., rent, North Ave. branch reading room	60.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. branch reading room	60.00
Maurice Dunne, rent, etc., State St. branch reading room	55.00
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., arc lamp rental	12.00
Ogden Gas Co., gas and arc lamp rental	8.30
Marshall Field & Co., curtain material, etc	46 74
Raymond Express Co., delivering newspapers, etc	9.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	25.28
J. F. McGuire, sprinkling streets around Library	30.00
The Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	8.09
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service, Blackstone	14.93
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	59 49
Wisconsin Lakes Ice Co., ice	64.64
Wm. H. Warren Mfg. Co., carpenter work	41.60
Jenkins Bros., pump valves	38.25
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	12.65
Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., window shade	4.80
James H. Rice Co., shellac, turpentine, varnish, etc	35.48
D. O. Urch, filter tubes	6.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	365.34
The Westinghouse Air Brake Co., valves	42.88
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	25.74
Keasbey & Mattison Co., paste	7.50
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., wipers	4.38
LeValley-Vitae Carbon Brush Co., brushes	9.40
Otis Elevator Co., elevator supplies	7.00
Gallaher & Speck, cables	15.60
Wm. Dilley, mop wringers	10.00
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	20.30
Murphy-Dugger-Clark Co., faucets	84.60
The A. H. Andrews Co., oak wall case	125.00
The Consumers Company Cooler Dept., water coolers	16.00

Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice, Blackstone..	5.78
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Aug., 1906	46.52
	$1,618.29

On motion of Director Novak, the Board adjourned,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR JULY, 1906.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of July was 99,212, against 101,700 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 3,969.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1906.	1905.
Number of recorded visitors	8,662	8,216
Books issued from stacks	23,045	22,901

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 1,892. Books consulted, 5,940.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1906.	1905.
Number of visitors	1,878	1,665
Volumes consulted	8,780	7,750

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 243. Bound newspapers consulted, 432. Books for the blind circulated, 105.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 10,142. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 149. Average maximum attendance per hour, 203.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Number of visitors	1,892	902	1,296	4,507	1,852	3,446
Periodicals issued	773	581	873	2,960	2,184	——
Books issued	1,134	424	523	3,213	510	——
Average Sunday visitors	——	——	——	——	——	——
Women visitors	131	254	201	1,494	92	750
Books circulated	1,662	936	899	1,017	707	1,068

BRANCH READING ROOMS IN SMALL PARKS.

	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.
Mean attendance per hour	16	23	29
Average maximum attendance per hour	24	42	43

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 14. Average maximum attendance per hour, 30. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 3,914, of which 289 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 71 delivery stations was 60,799, against 61,059 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 1,856, of which 883 were issued to males and 973 to females. The registration of July, 1905, was 2,472. The number of two-year cards outstanding is 70,332.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies July 1, 1906	3,920
Number of books sent to binderies in July	1,873
Total number of books at binderies in July	5,793
Number of books received from binderies in July	2,580
Number of books at binderies July 31, 1906	3,213
Number of books repaired in Library in July	5,263

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library July 31, 1906, was 324,327. Received since June 1, 1906, 1,722; since July 1, 749. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 927; since July 1, 467. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 91; since July 1, 44. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 13; since July 1, 7.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

Chicago, Sept. 10, 1906.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR AUGUST, 1906.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of August was 100,276, against 104,247 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 3,714.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1906.	1905.
Number of recorded visitors	8,796	8,344
Books issued from stacks	24,244	23,035

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 889. Books consulted, 2,715.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1906.	1905.
Number of visitors	1,754	1,825
Volumes consulted	8,110	8,215

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 240. Bound newspapers consulted, 384. Books for the blind circulated, 110.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,691. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 139. Average maximum attendance per hour, 183.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Number of visitors	1,702	1,117	1.340	3,847	1,806	3,244
Periodicals issued	653	664	1,115	2,589	2,089	——
Books issued	1,057	456	500	2,983	503	——
Average Sunday visitors	——	——	——	——	——	——
Women visitors	105	228	203	1,300	90	718
Books circulated	1,483	970	809	831	662	1,144

BRANCH READING ROOMS IN SMALL PARKS.

	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.
Mean attendance per hour	15	16	18
Average maximum attendance per hour	21	27	25

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 14. Average maximum attendance per hour, 41. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 3,940, of which 319 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 70 delivery stations was 61,979, against 63,029 from 71 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 1,909, of which 966 were issued to males, and 943 to females. The registration of August, 1905, was 2,230. The number of two-year cards outstanding is 69,803.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies August 1, 1906	3,213
Number of books sent to binderies in August	2,462
Total number of books at binderies in August	5,675
Number of books received from binderies in August	2,289
Number of books at binderies August 31, 1906	3,386
Number of books repaired in Library in August	4,020

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library August 31, 1906, was 324,282. Received since June 1, 1906, 2,132; since August 1, 410. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 1,342; since August 1, 415. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 137; since August 1, 46. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 19; since August 1, 6.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

Chicago, Sept. 10, 1906.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Brosseau.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 10, 1906, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From R. G. Work, representing the Municipal Museum of Chicago, accepting the proposal made by the Library Board that the Museum pay the entire expense of redecorating the room off the Directors' room and be released from restoring the floor of the room immediately under the Directors' room to the condition in which it was when first occupied by it.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

From Mrs. Jeannette W. Hall, chairman of the Committee on Literature of the Illinois Congress of Mothers, praying the Board to send 5,000 of its worn-out books to the Illinois Industrial School for Boys at St. Charles, Ill.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Fred R. Rosebro, director of social work at Olivet House, 44 Vedder street, praying the Board to make its "house" a free delivery station for the Public Library.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From McKay's Pharmacy, 426 W. Van Buren street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at that number.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From A. J. Bridis, 2463 Kensington avenue, renewing his application for a delivery station at that number.

Ordered filed.

From E. A. Hart, second assistant engineer, praying the Board to grant him pay for one day lost on account of sickness (of himself) in the current month.

Director Roulston moved that the petition be not granted.

Carried.

From Peter G. Ledeboer, assistant engineer, praying the Board to grant him pay for one day lost on account of illness (of himself) in the current month.

Director Roulston moved that the petition be not granted.

Carried.

From Nellie L. Kennedy, clerk, praying the Board to grant her compensation for time lost on account of illness from August 6th to September 24, 1906. A physician's certificate accompanied the petition.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Cigrand, for the Committee, presented the following recommendations:

1. That the following books be ordered purchased for the main Library:

A list of current American books, 49 vols., to cost $65.

A list of current English books, 35 vols., to cost $100.

A list of juvenile books, to be replaced, 512 vols., to cost $250.

2. That the following books be purchased for the Blackstone branch:

A list of miscellaneous current books, 136 vols., to cost $136.

A list of books from the A. L. A. catalog, 41 vols., to cost $45.

A list of juvenile books, 27 vols., to cost $20.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 24 vols., to cost $25.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the petition of Chas. Lhotka for pay for 17 days lost through illness be granted.

2. That Martin Schnee be granted pay for one week lost through an accident to himself instead of 27 days as petitioned for.

3. That the suspension by the Librarian of Edward J. Cervenka, page, for incompetency and absence without permission be approved, and that the Civil Service Commission be informed of this action.

4. That the position of "clerk in charge of stack rooms," made vacant by the resignation of Wm. D. Witt, be discontinued after October 1st next.

Director Roulston moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs leave to report that in accordance with the direction of the Board at its last meeting it advertised for proposals for making and installing a bronze bulletin board in the corridor on the fourth floor of the Library building leading from the Washington street stair-case hall, but received no responses. One firm being called up, stated that it is about eight months behind in its orders and, therefore, could not agree to install work within that period.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that further action relative to the installation of a bronze bulletin board be temporarily postponed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. NOVAK,
B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, Sept. 24, 1906.

The report was adopted.

Director Novak, also, stated that several requests had been sent out for bids for anthracite coal to be supplied to the Blackstone branch library and to the branch reading room at 226 North avenue; that only one bid had been received and that was from Pittsburgh Coal Company, which had the contract last year, and offers to supply the same quality of coal as last year at the same prices, viz.: $7.00 per ton in bulk and $7.25 per ton in bags; that the Committee was agreed in recommending that a contract be entered into with Pittsburgh Coal Company to supply coal, 60 tons more or less, to the Blackstone branch, and 15 tons, more or less, to the North avenue branch reading room.

Director Novak moved that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Cigrand, for the Special Committee to meet the Board of Education regarding the teaching of adult blind people, stated, informally, that he had met Mr. Curtis, who has charge of the work for blind children carried on by the Board of Education, and that Mr. Curtis had stated that certain women's clubs stood ready to provide teachers for the adult blind of the city in case the Library Board would pay the expense.

Director Cigrand desired to know whether or not the Library Board was authorized to spend money for such purpose and suggested that this question be referred to the Committee on By-Laws for an interpretation of the law upon this point.

There being no objections, the President so referred the question.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Roulston stated that the American Municipalities are to hold its sessions in this city during the current week and moved that Director Brosseau be delegated to extend an invitation to that body to visit and inspect the building and treasures of the Chicago Public Library during its stay in this city.

Carried.

Director Roulston was excused by the President and withdrew from the room.

Director Taylor stated that the Committee on Education of the new City Charter Convention would make its first report on Wednesday of the current week and requested the members and officers of the Board to give an expression to any thought looking to the betterment of the Public Library so that such suggestions may be embraced in the report on this subject, and moved that a Special Committee of three be appointed as an Advisory Committee to look after the interests of the Library in connection with the Committee on Education of the Charter Convention.

The motion prevailed.

The President appointed Directors Taylor, Eckhart and Stern as members of this committee.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Eckhart and Roulston.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Cigrand the minutes of the regular meeting held September 24, 1906, were approved as recorded and printed without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From L. E. McGann, City Controller, requesting the Board to send to his office estimates of the funds necessary to defray the expenses of the Public Library for the fiscal year 1907.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From M. Kaplon, owner of the premises occupied as a branch reading room a 21 Blue Island avenue, requesting to be allowed a key to the front door in order to obtain easy access to the steam-heating apparatus of the building.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From Michael E. Farrell, 2046 Harrison street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store, the communication being accompanied by a petition of the same import from citizens in the vicinity.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Henry Sauer, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his number, 269 Lincoln avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From James McGinn, 1042 Madison street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Wm. McD. Moffat, keeper of delivery station 1220 Argyle street, notifying the Board that he has sold his store to F. E. Sargent, and recommending Mr. Sargent as a suitable person to have charge of the delivery station, and from F. E. Sargent, asking the Board to allow the station to remain at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Elizabeth A. Young, assistant librarian, praying the Board to grant her a leave of absence from her duties for three months on account of illness of herself.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Chester J. Challenger, requesting the Board to allow him to employ a page from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. five nights a week in order that he may attend medical lectures during that time.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Harris Jacobson, page, and Jennie O. Seehausen, clerk, tendering their resignations as employés of the Board.

Director Cigrand moved that the resignations of the foregoing employés be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $300 per year and for a clerk at a salary of $400 per year to fill the vacancies.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Director Stern, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, stated that the Committee was not ready to report upon the revision of the by-laws and asked that the matter be laid over indefinitely.

It was so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

That the petition of Mrs. W. S. Hall, asking for 5,000 books for the Industrial School for Boys at St. Charles, Ill., be placed on file; the Librarian already having authority to send books to that institution whenever it makes a request for them.

The recommendation was concurred in.

That the following books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 79 vols., to cost $87.

A list of current English books, 9 vols., to cost $35.

A list of miscellaneous books on cookery, 22 vols., to cost $13.42.

A list of city directories, 16 vols., to cost $80.

A list of fiction to replace worn-out copies, 892 vols., to cost $700.

A list of miscellaneous books for the Blackstone branch, 304 vols., to cost $288.

A list of bills for continuations, special books, periodicals, etc., amounting to $84.95, to be paid for from the incidental fund.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau,

Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

That a typewriting machine be purchased for the ordering department to cost $100, with the usual discounts.

The recommendation was concurred in.

Director Brosseau presented the Librarian's report for September, 1906, and it was ordered to be printed and filed.

He, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved.

Rand, McNally & Co., atlases.	$ 21.25
A. C. McClurg & Co., books	343.90
Otto Harrassowitz, books, Marks 1683.80 (est.)	401.11
Em. Terquem, books, Francs 179.10 (est.)	35.82
B. F. Stevens & Brown, books and magazines, £206/2/3 (est.)	1,005.82
Matthew Bell & Co., binding, £17/17 (est.)	85.03
Joseph Flucke, binding	309.88
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	158.61
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	162.25
Gane Brothers & Co., paper	10.50
The Arabol Mfg. Co., glue	10.56
Cameron, Amberg & Co., registry books	49.50
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	9.05
S. D. Childs & Co., embossed letterheads and envelopes	35.00
James Watson & Co., printing	26.15
A. L. A. Publishing Board, periodical cards	7.43
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	25.07
R. S. Henshaw, evening newspapers	7.80
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for Sept., 1906	216.88
	$2,924.61

Director Cigrand moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, for the Committee, reported back the petition of Nellie L. Kennedy asking for compensation for six weeks lost on account of illness and recommended that she be allowed pay for one-half of the time.

He, also, reported back the petition of Elizabeth A. Young for a leave of absence of three months and recommended that the petition be granted.

Also, the petition of Chester J. Challenger for permission to employ a page for one hour during five days in the week and recommended that the petition be not granted.

He, also, recommended that the action of the Librarian in suspending Joshua Bernstein on September 28th for incompetency and the separation of Vanilla V. Vincent, clerk, in the employ of the Board less than six months, disqualified on account of deafness, be approved.

Director Lagorio moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing auto	$ 15.00
The Hartford Rubber Works Co., auto. tire	59.40
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	59.80

Knox Automobile Co., repair parts for autos	239.00
McCord & Co., lubricator, etc.	28.00
	$401.20

Director Cigrand stated that he believed that much interest might be aroused in the neighborhoods where our branch reading rooms are located if an arrangement could be made whereby lectures or entertainments in educational lines could be given occasionally at such rooms during the winter season.

After some discussion Director Taylor moved that the suggestion made by Director Cigrand be referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations with a request to give the matter careful consideration and report its conclusions to the Board.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds has investigated the cost of material and labor necessary to put the roof, domes and outside walls of the Library building, and those of the Blackstone branch, in proper repair, and find the amount voted for this work on September 10th last—$250—will not be sufficient, and respectfully request authority to expend such an amount as shall be found necessary, estimated at $350 in all.

Your Committee recommends that the two flag poles on the building be painted two coats with oil and lead and that the balls be regilded at a cost not to exceed $12.00.

Also, that the bill of Gindele Bros. & Co. for alterations in the entrances to the Library building on Garland court, and for building a loading platform, in the amount of $657.56, be paid; the architects having certified to the completion of the work. This amount is $7.56 more than the contract price on account of supports and braces for the platform inadvertently omitted by the architects in their specifications, but supplied by the contractor.

Also, that the bill of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge for commission in the amount of $32.88 be ordered paid.

JOHN L. NOVAK,
B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN.
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.
Chicago, Oct. 8, 1906.

Director Novak moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Novak, also, presented a bill from the city collector for inspecting the Library's ten elevators, on September 13th last, in the amount of $20, and stated that as the Board had declined to pay these bills for some time past the Committee asked for instructions regarding the present bill.

Director Stern moved that the bill for elevator inspection be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Carried.

Director Novak said that the attention of the Committee had been called to the necessity of arranging the inside doors to the Washington street entrance to the Library building so that they would swing outward only in order to prevent the cold

air from rushing into the building whenever the outside doors are opened and moved that the question be referred back to the Committee for further investigation and report.

Carried.

He, also, stated that it was desirable to place a storm sash on two of the windows of the Blackstone branch library and moved that the Secretary be authorized to have the work done.

Carried.

Director Novak, also, stated that in order to further the project of equipping the "Thomas Hughes room" on the fourth floor as a Young People's room, it would be necessary to order new furniture throughout and moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and the Librarian be authorized to purchase all needed articles of furniture and fixtures at a cost not to exceed $1,500.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

He, also, stated that the increased use of the branch reading room in Lewis Institute made it necessary to add some additional furniture to the room and moved that the matter of its purchase be left in the hands of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds who shall solicit further bids and purchase the furniture at an expense not to exceed $348.

Also that the Librarian desired a special desk constructed for the ordering department and presented a sketch of the same with a tentative bid of $140.

Director Cigrand moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to purchase the desk in question at a cost not to exceed $140.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Novak presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Maurice Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room.	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agent, rent, North Av. reading room	60.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Av. reading room.	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Av. reading room	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Av. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room.	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., rental of arc lights.	12.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	15.13
Ogden Gas Co., gas and arc lamp rental	7.25
Brilliant Sign Co., making two glass signs	8 00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	351 95
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service	83 75
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail..	9.00
J. F. McGuire, sprinkling streets	30.00
Sprague, Warner & Co., ivory soap	6.75
The Haegele Ice Co, ice	52.71
The Chicago Daily Journal, advertising.	8.09
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste	13.03
Peerless Electric Co., repairing armature, etc	35.00
Central Electric Co., electric fixtures...	18.50
Thayer & Lynn, re-insulating commutator	34.75

Otis Elevator Co., relining brake bands.	16.50
Nichols & Co., oxalic acid..	6.00
Cotto-Waxo Co., sweeping powder.....	6.00
Morrisson, Plummer & Co., ammonia....	4 38
Library Bureau, oak book case, etc.....	115 30
Eliel & Loeb, insurance.....	19.55
Brown Bros. Mfg. Co., concrete glass for repairing boiler room roof.....	75 00
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone branch.....	73.20
Gindele Bros. & Co., services of granite cutter at Blackstone.....	8.25
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Sept., 1906.....	28.18
	$1,458.27

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Taylor, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at last meeting to look after the interests of the Public Library in connection with the report of the Committee on Education of the Charter Convention, stated that the Committee had prepared a few sections bearing on the needs of the Library and had submitted the same to the Charter Committee on Education.

He then presented and read a copy of the sections and moved that they be adopted by the Board and be spread upon its minutes and that the Secretary send a copy thereof to the Secretary of the Charter Convention with the information that they had been adopted unanimously by the Library Board.

The motion prevailed.

The sections are as follows:

ARTICLE —.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Chicago Public Library, heretofore established in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly approved and in force March 7, 1872, and the acts amendatory thereof, shall be authorized and empowered, as follows, to-wit:

Sec. I. To establish, from time to time, branch libraries and reading rooms, according to the discretion of its board of directors, and as the needs of the various sections of the City may appear to require, subject to the approval of the City Council; and to maintain said Library, its branches and reading rooms, the City Council may levy a tax of not less than one mill, nor more than one and one-half mills on the dollar annually, on all the taxable property in said City of Chicago.

Sec. II. Said Board of Directors shall consist of nine members, as heretofore, to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council; and the term of office of the directors hereafter to be appointed shall be six years from the first day of July following their appointment; three directors to be appointed to fill vacancies occurring on the first day of July immediately following the enactment hereof, three directors on the first day of July two years after such enactment, three directors on the first day of July four years after such enactment, and three directors on the first day of July biennially thereafter. The offices of such directors which may become vacant by limitation in the intervening years may be temporarily filled for shorter terms as in other cases of vacancy.

Sec. III. The powers exercised by the directors over the branch libraries and reading rooms by them established, or to be established, shall be the same as those exercised by them as to the main library, both as to their control and supervision, and as to expenditure of moneys collected to the credit of the Library fund, or specially appropriated, or received by way of gifts and donations, and as to the construction of Branch Library buildings or leasing the same; and subject only to the same proviso concerning supervision

by the City Council as heretofore enacted with respect to the moneys of said Library. And the Board of Directors shall have power to vary the rules and regulations enacted by it for the government of said Library and its branches as it may find expedient to best subserve the interests of the people in the various localities in which the principal and branch libraries are located.

Sec. IV. The Board of Directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in February, an annual report to the City Council, stating the conditions of their trust on the first day of January of that year, in accordance with the specifications as to the contents of such report, as heretofore enacted.

Sec. V. All donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library and its branches, or either of them, hereafter made by deed, gift, devise or bequest, may be received and controlled by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions heretofore enacted in that behalf; and as to the use and disposition of such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees; but the physical care and control of all such trust funds, whether heretofore received or hereafter to be received, shall be placed with the secretary of the board, who shall furnish security company bonds for the faithful care and surrender of said property; the amount of the bond and the selection of the company to be determined by the said board, and the expense of procuring said bonds and the renewal thereof to be defrayed out of the income of said trust funds.

Sec. VI. Any and all sections of the Act of the General Assembly approved and in force March 7, 1872, and acts amendatory thereto, in so far as they are in conflict with this Act as affecting the Chicago Public Library, are hereby repealed.

Director Brosseau, who had been appointed at last meeting a committee of one to invite the League of American Municipalities to visit and inspect the Public Library, reported, informally, that he had carried out the wishes of the Board and believed that a number of persons visiting the city in the capacity of delegates to that body had availed themselves of the courtesy of the Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR SEPTEMBER, 1906.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of September was 93,968, against 103,351 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 24 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 3,915.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1906.	1905.
Number of recorded visitors	8,761	8,592
Books issued from stacks	23,447	24,360

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,086. Books consulted, 6,233.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1906.	1905.
Number of visitors	1,792	1,691
Volumes consulted	8,296	7,742

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 236. Bound newspapers consulted, 416. Books for the blind circulated, 105.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,894. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 153. Average maximum attendance per hour, 205.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Number of visitors	1,827	1,689	1,542	6,567	1,994	4,171
Periodicals issued	637	1,007	1,303	2,576	1,354	——
Books issued	1,281	682	537	6,378	592	——
Average Sunday visitors	45	23	23	109	47	87
Women visitors	96	444	135	2,370	98	846
Books circulated	2,329	947	775	877	551	1,167

BRANCH READING ROOMS IN SMALL PARKS.

	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.
Mean attendance per hour	12	11	13
Average maximum attendance per hour	16	14	17

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 15. Average maximum attendance per hour, 44. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 4,121, of which 332 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 70 delivery stations was 56,714, against 62,399 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,281, of which 1,117 were issued to males and 1,164 to females. The registration of September, 1906, was 2,704. The number of two-year cards outstanding is 69,074.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies September 1, 1906.	3,386
Number of books sent to binderies in September	1,863
Total number of books at binderies in September	5,249
Number of books received from binderies in September	1,567
Number of books at binderies September 30, 1906	3,682
Number of books repaired in Library in September	4,322

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library September 30, 1906, was 325,213. Received since June 1, 1906, 3,431; since September 1, 1,299. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 1,682; since September 1, 340. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 179; since September 1, 42. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 33; since September 1, 14.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

Chicago, Oct. 8, 1906.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart and Novak.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 8, 1906, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From R. F. Stewart, 430 East Forty-first street, complaining that the branch reading room at 3841 State street is not opened regularly at the hour advertised.

Director Roulston stated that Mr. Stewart had been before the Committee on Administration and had explained that a number of times on arriving at the reading room at the hour set for opening it was found closed; that this was a common occurrence and had been noticed and spoken of to him by other patrons of the room; also that Mr. Greenbaum, superintendent of this reading room, had been before the Committee in explanation of his delinquency and had admitted being late on a few occasions.

Director Roulston moved that the Librarian be instructed to reprimand Mr. Greenbaum for his delinquency, and to warn him that a repetition of the offense will lead to his dismissal.

Carried.

From Rev. C. L. Hay, of Maywood, Illinois, praying the Board to grant him the privileges of the circulating department of the Library.

Director Roulston moved that the petition be granted.

Carried.

From Jefferson Smith, Irving Park boulevard and Elston avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Chester J. Challenger, a page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignation of Mr. Challenger be accepted, and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page, at a salary of $300 per annum, to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Cigrand, for the Committee, reported the following recommendations, agreed upon by the Committee:

That the following books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 213 volumes, to cost $216.

A list of current English books, 19 volumes, to cost $24.20.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 410 volumes, to cost $350.

That a list of bills for special books, continuations, periodicals, etc., amounting to $55.25, be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, reported back the communication from William McD. Moffat, former keeper of delivery station No. 12, North, and the communication from F. E. Sargent, praying the Board to allow that station to remain at 1220 Argyle street, and recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that the petitions be granted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Stern reported informally that the work of tuck-pointing the building, repairing domes, etc., was in progress.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Cigrand, in the absence of a majority of the Committee, moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted by the Board.

Carried.

Director Taylor presented and read the following report, prepared under direction of the Chairman of the Committee, but unsigned:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report that the Secretary solicited proposals from several public accounting firms for auditing the books and accounts of the Library for the year ending May 31, 1907, and received two bids for the work, viz:

International Audit Co., $100.00
Security Audit Co., - 125.00

Your Committee recommends that a contract be awarded to the International Audit Company to audit the accounts of the Library, quarterly, the annual report

of the Board to be included with the fourth quarter.

Your Committee would report that in accordance with the authority given by the Board on June 25, 1906, the City Controller has issued anticipation tax warrants against the tax levy of 1906, in the amount of $49,500. This sum exceeds the amounts mentioned in the authority referred to by $2,000, and was occasioned by the failure of the County Collector to turn over money enough to meet the Library rolls when due.

Your Committee would recommend that, if necessary, it be authorized to sell additional anticipation warrants against the Library tax levy of 1906, in such amounts as shall be required to meet expense bills and pay rolls promptly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chicago, Oct. 22, 1906.

Director Roulston moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented the following opinion concerning the legal right of the Library Board to expend money for teaching the blind of the city how to read:

Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen.—The question submitted to my sub-committee by your Honorable Body as to whether or not the Library Board has the right to spend money in connection with teaching the adult blind of the City, together with the letter of Mr. John B. Curtis, bearing date August 2, 1906, touching the appointment of the Committee of the Philanthropic Department of the Chicago Woman's Club, which proposes to try to raise the needed money to carry on the work; I would say that I have carefully examined both the statutes under which our Library has been organized and the practice; and would respectfully report:

First.—Chapter 81, R. S., Sec. 1, provides for the establishment of a public library and reading room to be supported by the levy of a tax on all taxable property of the City; and as this must doubtless be strictly construed it would give ample authority for the setting apart of a special room for the use of the blind, and for the purchase of books specially adapted for their use; but not to permit of the expenditure of the funds raised by taxation for the employment of teachers, either within or without the premises.

Second.—Sec. 9 of the same Act provides for the receipt of donations of money, personal property, etc., the title to which when so donated shall vest in the Board of Directors, and "as to such property the said Board shall be held and considered to be special trustees," to expend the same according to the terms of the gift or devise.

Under the latter section there is no question but what we may engage in the teaching of the blind, not only upon the premises but at their own homes within the City limits; provided the donors of the fund specify the terms of the gift accordingly.

Your Committee therefore reports that it deems it advisable for the Board to notify Mr. John B. Curtis, and that this Board express its willingness to accept the donation, either as a gift in bulk, or in the shape of an agreement, properly secured, for continuous annual or semi-annual allowances to the Library fund for the purpose of engaging teachers to conduct home teaching for the adult blind in the City of Chicago, to enable such blind to make use of the present collection of books in raised print now held by the Li-

brary and such future additions as may be made thereto.

Respectfully submitted,
JULIUS STERN,
Chairman Committee on By-laws.

Authorities in support of above views:
In re Estate of Benjamin Franklin, 150 Pa. Sts. 437.
Vidat *vs.* Philadelphia (Girard Estate), 2 How. (U. S.) 127.

Director Taylor moved that the report be received and adopted, and that the Secretary be instructed to correspond with Mr. John B. Curtis and the Chicago Woman's Club, with a view of ascertaining definitely whether said club will donate funds for the purpose of teaching the blind to read, and, if so, in what amonnts and when payable.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Cigrand presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations and Branch Reading Rooms, to which was referred the proposition made by Director Cigrand at the meeting of October 8, 1906, relative to inaugurating at the various branches and reading rooms lectures or entertainments of an educational character, begs leave to report as follows:

The proposition meets with our approbation, and we earnestly advocate that as an experiment the President of the Board appoint a special committee of three whose duty it shall be to select such lecturers as have reputations in fields of history, biography, travel, art or science, and arrange, subject to the approval of the Board, a schedule of three lectures at the respective branch libraries. Said committee to be empowered to expend not to exceed $25.00 per lecture; and to aim to get educators to contribute their efforts *gratis*, if possible, advocating that the work thus rendered would be much appreciated in this public-spirited enterprise.

We further agree with Director Cigrand in the project that it would be conducive to great good; that it would attract to our reading rooms many who now are little familiar with the opportunities awaiting acceptance; and that this departure is inaugurated in harmony with the modern idea of library service, namely, that the public *bibliotheque* is not only a storehouse of knowledge where the masses must go, but that the library must now extend itself and go to the masses, thus awakening new life and higher ideas.

B. J. CIGRAND,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

Director Cigrand moved that the report be adopted and that a committee of three be appointed to carry out the provisions contained therein.

Carried.

The President appointed Directors Stern, Taylor and Eckhart as members of such commiteee.

Director Cigrand also presented and read the following resolution:

Whereas, at the entrance of the Chicago Public Library there is embedded in its mosaic floor a large reproduction of the seal of the City of Chicago; and

Whereas, this seal in metallic relief is not in accord with the new seal adopted by the City Council of Chicago, April 15, 1905; and

Whereas, the Chicago Public Library is primarily an institution calculated to disseminate knowledge pertaining to every phase of progress; therefore be it

Resolved, That the new seal of the City of Chicago should be emblazoned in the floor in its proper and heraldic significance; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of this Board appoint a committee consisting of three, of which Librarian Hild shall be one, and whose duty it shall be to ascertain the possibility of making this historic correction, and that the new seal, if possible, shall be set in its heraldic colors and tinctures in mosaic; said Committee to report to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

There being no objection, the President referred the resolution to the following special committee, namely, Directors Roulston, Lagorio and the Librarian.

Director Roulston called the attention of the Board to the resolution concerning lectures in the branch reading rooms, and stated that as it contained authority for the expenditure of a large amount of money, he would move that the vote by which it was adopted be reconsidered.

Carried.

Director Roulston then moved that the report of the Committee on Delivery Stations, relative to lectures in branch reading rooms, be adopted as presented, and that the recommendations contained therein relative to the expenditure of money be concurred in.

The motion prevailed.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Cigrand the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Brosseau and Eckhart.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 22, 1906, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From L. A. Walton, president of the South Park Commissioners, requesting the Board to extend its work by opening a branch reading room in "Mark White Square," Twenty-ninth and Halsted streets.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Mrs. Gertrude B. Blackwelder, president of Chicago Woman's Club, acknowledging the receipt of a letter of inquiry from the Secretary and stating that it is the hope of the club to raise $800 within a few weeks which will be put into the hands of the Library Board for use in paying for the services of a teacher or teachers for the blind.

Ordered to be filed.

From Dr. Wm. T. Belfield, secretary of the Chicago Society of Social Hygiene, asking permission to use the room for the blind for a public meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 1906, at eight o'clock p. m.

Director Lagorio moved that the request of Mr. Belfield be granted.

Carried.

From Robert H. Kaiser, 263 Ontario street, making a claim for a reward of ten dollars for detecting and giving notice of the mutilating of a newspaper by

a patron of the reading room, said patron confessing the charge.

The Librarian having explained that the superintendent of the evening and Sunday service, on duty at that time, after cautioning the party, ordered her released;

Director Roulston moved that, inasmuch as the party was not formally arrested and convicted the claim for ten dollars be placed on file.

Carried.

From Rev. Geo. T. McCarthy, superintendent of St. Mary's training school, Feehanville, Ill., praying the Board to send to that institution a share of the worn-out Library books suitable for boys.

Director Roulston moved that the request be granted and that such books be sent to that institution as shall be selected by its superintendent in the discretion of the Librarian.

Carried.

From Minnie E. Wills, praying the Board to reimburse her for salary for 18 days lost on account of a fall caused by slipping on the unprotected wet paint on the new loading platform at Garland court entrance to the Library building and for expense of a physician on account of said fall.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Adolph G. Gehr, elevator operator, praying the Board to grant him a leave of absence of three months from November 1, 1906, to February 1, 1907.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Isadore Stern, page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignation be accepted and that the Librarian make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page to fill the vacancy, at a salary of $300 per annum.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, for the Committee, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$1,884.01
A. Olszewski, books	25.64
Joseph Flucke, binding	26.52
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	324.21
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	351.00
Peterson Linotype Co., composition on bulletin No. 77, etc.	80.84
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing bulletin No. 77	18.25
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	6.64
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	14.54
Joseph F. Leaming & Co., card notices	5.00
Central Printing and Engraving Co., printing, etc	11.00
Cameron, Amberg & Co., paper ruled and cut	35 50
James Watson & Co., printing minutes	26.05
Geo. E. Cole & Co., misc. stationery	43.63
Harry D. Kirk, paste	4.00
L. C. Smith & Bros., typewriting machine, etc	93.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., rent of machine and ribbons	6.50
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditnres for Oct., 1906	136.93
	$3,093.26

The Librarian, on behalf of the Committee, presented the following lists of books agreed upon:

A list of current American books, 194 vols., to cost $225.

A list of current English books, 38 vols., to cost $100.

A list of miscellaneous books, 44 vols., to cost $31.59.

A list of extra copies of popular fiction, 153 vols., to cost $135.

Director Roulston moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

The Librarian, also, presented bids for subscriptions to periodicals and newspapers for the year 1907, and stated that the Committee after full consideration and comparison of bids would recommend that a contract be awarded to Bennett's Newspaper and Magazine Subscription Agency of Chicago for furnishing American magazines and periodicals for 1907, for the sum of $1,957.30, this company being the lowest bidder.

That a contract be awarded to Chas. McDonald & Co. of Chicago, for certain popular magazines and periodicals for 1907, not included in the Bennett contract, for the sum of $500.

That a contract be awarded to G. E. Stechert & Co. of New York for furnishing French, German, Russian, Hungarian, Polish and Lithuanian periodicals for the year 1907, for the sum of $1,000.

That a contract be awarded to B. F. Stevens & Brown of London for certain other miscellaneous foreign periodicals for 1907, such as Bohemian, Scandinavian, Dutch, Spanish and Italian, for the sum of $400.

That action upon subscriptions to English periodicals and newspapers be deferred.

Director Roulston moved that contracts be awarded for periodicals in accordance with the report of the Librarian, and that action upon subscriptions to English periodicals be deferred.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

The Librarian, also, presented a list of incidental bills for continuations, special books, periodicals, etc., amounting to $89.47.

Director Cigrand moved that the bills be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Also, the report of the Librarian for October, 1906, and it was ordered printed and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the following list of vacancies, appointments and changes in salary for September and October, 1906:

Stanislav Kolar, page, resigned Sept. 1,
Mark Hoffman, page, resigned Sept. 1.
James V. Ryan, page, resigned Sept. 5.
Amelia Williams, janitress, transferred to another City department Sept. 15.
Edward J. Cervenka, page, discharged Sept. 24.

Harris Jacobson, page, resigned Sept. 25.

William D. Witt, clerk in charge of stacks, resigned Oct. 1.

Vanilla V. Vincent, clerk, discharged Oct. 6.

Jennie O. Seehausen, clerk, resigned Oct. 8.

Joshua Bernstein, page, discharged Oct. 9.

Chester J. Challenger, page, resigned Oct. 14.

William L. Greeley, page, discharged Oct. 25.

Pages appointed, $300 per year:

Charles F. Zak, Oct. 22.
Bernard B. Britt, Oct. 22.
Sam Mandel, Oct. 22.

Clerks appointed, $400 per year:

Vanilla V. Vincent, Oct. 1.
Jennie O. Seehausen, Oct. 1.
Carrie M. Plumb, Oct. 10.
Elizabeth Barnes, Oct. 22.

Janitresses appointed, $540 per year:

Kittie Farrell, Sept. 12.
Josephena Anderson, Sept. 22.

Elevator operator appointed, $600 per year:

Adolph G. Gehr, Sept. 18.

Elevator operator appointed, $650 per year:

John I. Byrne (reinstated after resignation), Oct. 4.

Page increased in salary, $450 to $550:

Louis S. Dautel, Sept. 1.

He, also, stated that the Librarian desired authority to detail an additional attendant for service at the Blackstone branch library on Sunday afternoons from two to six o'clock during the winter months at 25 cents per hour and moved that the authority asked for be granted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations begs leave to report back the following applications for delivery stations with the recommendation that they be placed on file on account of their nearness to stations already established:

1042 Madison street, under the care of James McGinn,

44 Vedder street,

269 Lincoln avenue, under the care of Henry Sauer,

Irving Park boulevard and Elston avenue, under the care of J. Smith,

2046 Harrison street, under the care of Michael Farrell.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. J. CIGRAND,
GRAHAM TAYLOR.
Committee on Delivery Stations.

Chicago, Nov. 12, 1906.

Director Cigrand stated that four new lap robes were needed for the automobile operators and that suitable ones be secured at a cost not to exceed $6.75 each, and moved that the Secretary be authorized to purchase the same.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	59.80
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline	23.18
The Hartford Rubber Works Co., rubber tire	55.00
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., rubber tires.	93.44
Knox Automobile Co., repair parts for autos	89.60
Wyman & Murphy, repairs to automobiles	146.10
F. P. Smith Wire & Iron Works, brass wire cloth	14.40
John J. McGrath, station sign. etc	8.50
	$505.02

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, reported back the communication of Max Kaplon, owner of the premises at 21 Blue Island avenue, requesting to be allowed to have a key to the branch reading room at that number in order to have free access to the heating apparatus in the basement, and recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that his request be granted.

The recommendation was concurred in.

He, also, stated that on account of the north exposure and the low buildings on the opposite side of the street it seemed necessary, in the judgment of the Committee, to have a storm door, or vestibule, constructed at the entrance to the branch reading room located in Lewis Institute; that if the owner of the room is unwilling to make such improvement the Committee would recommend that it be done at the expense of the Library Board, this expense having been estimated at $35.

Director Novak moved that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Novak, also, stated that a small book case was needed at the Blackstone branch library upon which new books shall be displayed for the inspection of book borrowers, this case to be made of birch, stained to match the mahogany finish of the room, at a cost estimated at $25, and moved that the case be ordered made.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Maurice Dunne, rent. etc., State St. reading room	$ 55 00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	60.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent North Ave. reading room	60 00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., rental arc lights	12.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas, reading rooms	19.89
Ogden Gas Co., gas, North Ave. reading room	9.20
Milwaukee Ave. Improvement Ass'n, sprinkling street	7.00
J. P. Sanders, sprinkling street	6.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co , coal	779.82
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
J. F. McGuire, sprinkling streets, main building	30.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	57.64
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	50.88
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	159.50
Marshall Field & Co., cheese cloth	29.71
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	23.16

Meacham & Wright Co., cement	7.00
John Mohr & Sons, grate bars	103.04
Robert Tarrant, engineers supplies	12.30
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste, etc	18.17
McMaster-Davis Supply Co., engineers supplies	14.13
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	68.25
W. H. Salisbury & Co., hose	8.89
Thomas B. Banner, lining oil filters	49.53
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	5.10
E. W. Blatchford Co., lead	7.09
Wm Dilley, brushes	37.75
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	19.40
Charles H. Mears & Co., lumber	27.38
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone branch	92.40
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenses for Oct., 1906	79.69
	$2,161.92

Director Stern, of the Committee, stated that he thought it would be wise to obtain an option on the room in Lewis Institute for the next five years before installing additional special furniture in said room, and suggested that the Secretary be requested to obtain such option at once.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Novak, for the Committee, presented and read the report of the International Audit Company covering the months of June, July and August, 1906, and moved that it be received and be printed and filed.

Carried.

November 12, 1906.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Gentlemen:—We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the three months ending 31st August, 1906.

We submit the following statements prepared from the books:

1. Ledger Balances, 31st August, 1906.
2. Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Library Fund for three months ending 31st August, 1906.
3. Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditure for June, July and August, 1906.

We have pleasure in stating that we find the books to be correctly and carefully kept.

Yours respectfully,

THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT CO.
(Signed) JOHN MCLAREN,
President.
(Signed) ROBERT NELSON,
Certified Public Accountant,
Manager.

LEDGER BALANCES, 31ST AUGUST, 1906.

DEBIT.

Due from Comptroller	$529,855.33
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00
Tax Warrants	42,500.00
Real Estate—Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00
Cash	10,700.68
	$752,556.01

CREDIT.

Public Library Fund:			
Fund of 1879 and prior years		$ 23,534.45	
Library Fund		297,764.36	
Delinquent Taxes		23,126.73	
Reserve Fund for Interest		429.80	
		$344,855.33	
Reserve for cost of Taxes		30,000.00	
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation		155,000.00	
W. H. Ryder Fund	$10.000.00		
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,736.45		
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00		
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,520.90		
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00		
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	5,219.82		
Security Deposits	844.75		
Special Deposits	100.00		
Incidental Fund	278.76		
		222,700.68	
			$752,556.01

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND, STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, THREE MONTHS ENDING 31ST AUGUST, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund, 1st June, 1906	$346,180.34
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,357.66
	$347,538.00

EXPENDITURE.

By Books	$ 1,882,57
" Newspapers and Periodicals	563.24
" Binding	3,348.95
" Books Lost and Paid For—Refunds	24.25
" Finding Lists	161.30
" Freight and Expressage	65.25
" Postage	150.00
" Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	803.58
" Branch Reading Rooms "	1,470.66

By Salaries:			
Main Building	$29,829.25		
Branch Reading Rooms	2,051.83		
Delivery Stations	3,410.11	35,291.19	
" Miscellaneous Expense		849.48	
" Printing and Stationery		658.65	
" Fuel		737.14	
" Heating and Generating Plant		279.27	
" Electric Supplies and Repairs		38.01	
" Repairs, Alterations, etc		560.33	
" Elevator Supplies and Repairs		42.41	
" Janitors' Expense		127.30	
" Furniture and Fixtures		414.60	
" Insurance		336.69	
" Blackstone Branch Library		1,421.42	
		$49,226.33	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants		547.31	49,773.64
Balance of Library Fund, 31st August. 1906			$297,764.36
Fund of 1879 and prior years			23,534.44
Library Fund			297,764.36
Delinquent Taxes			23,126.73
Reserve for Loss and Cost of Taxes, 1905			30,000.00
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation, 1906			155,000.00
Reserve for Accrued Interest			429.80
			$529,855.33

Cash Receipts and Expenditure, Three Months Ending 31st. August, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

	June, 1906.	July, 1906.	August, 1906.
Cash Balance at close of previous months	$31,006.89	$ 8,666.34	$ 8,774.31
Comptroller for Incidental Fund	259.17	201.61	494.60
Miscellaneous Receipts	30.08	8.50	23.82
Finding Lists	35.28	33.01	40.52
Books Lost and Paid for	47.75	51.95	55.95
Deposits	173.00	164.25	131.00
Fines	712.84	661.32	687.44
Kelly Fund Income	45.89	106.17	1,721.92
Ryder Fund Income	1.30	273.77	.....
Beecher Fund Income	5.20	21.27	.....
Tax Warrants		10,000.00	20,000.00
	$32,317.40	$20,188.19	$31,929.56

EXPENDITURE.

	June, 1906.	July, 1906.	August, 1906.
Comptroller	$ 469.53	$ 424.12	$ 464.01
Deposits Repaid	123.50	164.50	155.75
Books	31.36	153.84	50.32
Newspapers and Periodicals	5.00	100.35	40.94
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds	8.50	8.50	7.25
Freight and Expressage	26.93	25.65	12.71
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	6.69	1.50	7.96
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	16.13	3.15	.90
Blackstone Branch Library	5.30	23.75	.....
Miscellaneous Expense	18.69	127.16	26.61
Postage	50.00	45.00	55.00
Printing and Stationery	16.15	3.70	8.50
Heating and Generating Plant	8.55	.....	9.55
Elevator Supplies and Repairs	2.81	.....	.....
Electric Supplies and Repairs	3.00	.....	.....
Janitors' Expense	2.50	2.00	1.50
Pension Fund	356.42	330.66	343.72
Ryder Fund Income—Books Purchased	.....	.....	44.16
Tax Warrants	22,500.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
	$23,651.06	$11,413.88	$21,228.88
Cash on hand at close of months	8,666.34	8,774.31	10,700.68
	$32,317.40	$20,188.19	$31,929.56

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	June, 1906.	July, 1906.	August, 1906.
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,506.84	2,780.61	2,736.45
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,499.63	1,520.90	1,520.90
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	3,391.73	3,497.90	5,219.82
Incidental Fund	298.39	5.40	278.76
Security Deposits	869.75	869.50	844.75
Special Deposits	100.00	100.00	100.00
	$220.666.34	$220,774.31	$222,700,68
Deduct:			
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
City of Chicago Tax Warrants	42,500.00	42,500.00	42,500.00
Real Estate—Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
	$212,000.00	$212,000.00	$212,000.00
Balance	$ 8,666.34	$ 8,774.31	$ 10,700.68

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Roulston, Chairman of the Special Committee to which was referred, at last meeting, a resolution regarding the bronze seal of the City embedded in the floor at the Washington street entrance to the Library building, presented the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, to which was referred a resolution introduced by Director Cigrand relative to replacing the bronze seal of the City of Chicago embedded in the mosaic floor at the Washington street entrance to the Library building with a reproduction of the same in colors in mosaic, begs leave to report:

1. That your Committee understands that the cost of this work, if done by the artists who did the mosaic work in the building, originally, would be One Thousand Dollars, which appears to the Committee to be a larger sum than the Board would be justified in spending.

2. Even if the work could be done at a reasonable expense your Committee believes that inasmuch as the seal now in place was the seal of the City when the building was constructed, it is therefore of historical value, and should not be replaced by a seal of modern adoption.

Your Committee, therefore, respectfully recommends that the resolution be placed on file.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. J. ROULSTON,
A. LAGORIO,
FRED'K. H. HILD,
Special Committee.

Chicago, Nov. 12, 1906.

Director Cigrand moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Director Stern, Chairman of the Committee to which was referred at last meeting the report of the Committee on Delivery Stations relative to the inauguration of a lecture course in the branch reading rooms of the Library reported, verbally, that a part of the Committee had visited four of the six branch reading rooms, and that only one, that at Lewis Institute, was adapted to the purposes of lectures. That the Committee, while favoring this kind of entertainment and instruction, would recommend that the attention of the Board be given first to the securing of suitable quarters, such as the dignity of the Public Library and the importance of the undertaking would dictate, before the matter of such lectures is seriously entertained.

That the Committee would, therefore, recommend that this question be held in abeyance for the present.

The report was received and the recommendation concurred in.

On motion of Director Roulston the Board went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Being called upon, the Librarian stated that two new books which had been but partially prepared for the shelves had been taken from the binding department and months afterwards had been found in the locker of an employé, an act which was in direct violation of a rule regarding the use of books by the attendants, and recommended that said employé be suspended for a period of two weeks with loss of pay.

Director Stern moved that the recom-

mendation of the Librarian be concurred in.

Carried.

The Librarian stated that Julius C. Greenbaum, superintendent of State street branch reading room, who had recently been reprimanded by order of the Board, had again violated the rules by absenting himself from the reading room without permission.

In explanation, he stated that Director Stern had called at the room on Sunday, the 11th inst., and had found the room in charge of a boy, Mr. Greenbaum being absent.

Director Stern confirmed the statement of the Librarian.

Director Taylor moved that Mr. Greenbaum be suspended for a period of thirty days with loss of pay for neglect of duty.

Carried.

On motion, the Board resumed open session and approved of its proceedings in executive session.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR OCTOBER, 1906.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of October was 113,766, against 110,446 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 27 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,214.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1906.	1905.
Number of recorded visitors	10,845	10,431
Books issued from stacks	29,092	28,392

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,910. Books consulted, 8,894.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1906.	1905.
Number of visitors	2,250	1,786
Volumes consulted	10,247	8,224

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 284. Bound newspapers consulted, 462. Books for the blind circulated, 104.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 10,299. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 190. Average maximum attendance per hour, 284.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Number of visitors	2,155	1,986	2,162	7,346	2,542	5,815
Periodicals issued	748	1,121	1,800	3,202	2,972	——
Books issued	1,420	865	903	6,326	812	——
Average Sunday visitors	40	41	32	221	52	124
Women visitors	164	384	237	2,574	160	928
Books circulated	1,602	1,093	904	898	678	1,640

BRANCH READING ROOMS IN SMALL PARKS.

	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.
Mean attendance per hour	12	10	14
Average maximum attendance per hour	18	13	22

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 17. Average maximum attendance per hour, 45. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 4,653, of which 375 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 70,005, against 67,446 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 3,229. of which 1,625 were issued to males, and 1,604 to females. The registration of October, 1906, was 3,956. The number of two-year cards outstanding is 80,938.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies October 1, 1906	3,682
Number of books sent to binderies in October	1,841
Total number of books at binderies in October	5,523
Number of books received from binderies in October	1,031
Number of books at binderies October 31, 1906	4,492
Number of books repaired in Library in October	4,544

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library October 31, 1906, was 327,215. Received since June 1, 1906, 5,861; since October 1, 2,430. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 2,084; since October 1, 402. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 210; since October 1, 31. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 38; since October 1, 5.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

Chicago, Nov. 12, 1906.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Brosseau.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 12, 1906, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Three communications were received calling the attention of the Board to the ventilation in the reading and reference rooms of the building.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Communications were, also, received

From Taylor A. Snow, submitting an ordinance which it is proposed to introduce into the City Council providing for the vacation of the old town hall in Cicero by the police department and for placing it in care of the Public Library Board for branch library purposes, and asking the Board, if this be done, if it will accept of the building and use it for the purpose specified.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Library and Buildings and Grounds.

From Robert H. Kaiser, calling the attention of the Board a second time to his claim for ten dollars for informing upon a patron of the reading room who was mutilating a paper.

Director Roulston moved that the claim be received and be placed on file.

Carried.

From Colin C. H. Fyffe, making certain suggestions relative to funds due the library fund from the city.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From James B. Hicks, president of Englewood Free Reading Room, making

a report upon the use of that room by the public and asking for additional books, such as would be suitable for laboring men and mechanics, and, also, for reference books, especially encyclopædias.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Henry W. Lee of Windsor Park, stating that citizens in that part of the city desire to discuss with the Board the advisability of locating a branch of the Library in that neighborhood.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. H. Schueller, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at her store, 814 Cortez street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From I. B. Fuchsman, 842 W. 12th street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store, and enclosing a petition signed by residents in that vicinity recommending the same.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Rev. Frank N. Riale, pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian church, Forty-sixth street and Emerald avenue, asking if the Board will open a delivery station in connection with a reading room now operated by that church.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Wm. E. Padden, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Novak moved that the resignation of Mr. Padden be accepted and that the Librarian make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $300 per annum.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Director Stern reported, informally, that he had succeeded in obtaining the reinstatement of the petition for a hearing before the Probate Court relative to the right of the Public Library to one thousand dollars left by the late Huntington W. Jackson for the "Free Lending Library for the Blind, Home Teaching."

He also stated that the matter is in the hands of Wm. D. Barge, of the Corporation Counsel's office, and that the case would be argued on December 4th next at 2:15 o'clock p. m.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Cigrand presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the following books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 79 vols., to cost $98.

A list of current English books, 87 vols,, to cost $135.

A list of miscellaneous current books, 43 vols., to cost $25.37.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 260 vols., to cost $262.

2. That an appropriation of $1,500 be made for the purchase of books for the Thomas Hughes reference room for young people.

3. That an appropriation of $25. be made to defray the cost of correcting Donnelley's sectional Atlas up to January 1, 1907.

4. That a list of miscellaneous bills for continuations, special books, etc., amounting to $7.00, be paid from the incidental fund.

5. That an appropriation of $30.00 be made for four half-tone plates of the Library rooms with which to illustrate the annual report.

6. That two old Hammond typewriting machines be exchanged for two new ones at a cost of about $55.00 each; the Hammond Typewriting Company agreeing to allow $40.00 each for the old machines.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the request of Adolph G. Gehr, elevator operator, for a leave of absence, be not granted, and that he be separated from the Library service, as he has failed to report for duty since Oct. 27, 1906.

2. That George Manosevitch, a page, be transferred from the day to the evening service, at a salary of $400 per year.

3. That Edward T. Mannix, a page on probation, be separated from the Library service, on account of incompetency, and that the Civil Service Commission be requested to certify another page in his place, at a salary of $300 per year.

4. That Mrs. Carrie M. Plumb, a clerk on probation, be separated from the Library service, on account of incompetency, and that the Civil Service Commission be requested to certify another clerk in her place, at a salary of $400 per year.

5. That the salary of James C. Barbee, superintendent of the Madison street reading room, be increased from $950 to $1200 per year, to take effect Dec. 1, 1906. Your Committee makes this recommendation because it finds that the janitor service at this room involves more labor than such work at any other branch reading room, on account of the size of the room, and that additional help is required during the evening rush hours. The increased compensation will enable the superintendent to furnish the extra service required.

Director Roulston moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Roulston, also, reported back, without recommendation, the petition of Miss Minnie E. Wills, asking for compensation for time lost and payment of her physician's bill on account of accident occurring at the Library building and requested that the petition be considered in open Board.

The request was granted.

After consideration, by consent, the President directed the Secretary to lay the facts in this case before the Frankfort Marine Accident and Plate Glass Insurance Co. which carries the liability insurance of the Library, and request them to pay to Miss Wills the amount of her claim, including salary for time lost and physician's bill.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, stated that on account of the fact that one of the

Library's automobiles is out of service most of the time for repairs or repainting the Committee is unanimous in recommending that the Board order the purchase of an additional machine so that return deliveries of books the same day may be insured without interruption; a service which cannot be rendered satisfactorily with but three machines in use.

Director Taylor, of the Committee, stated that it is desirable to get the Library books into the homes where ordinarily they do not go through the usual channels of circulation, and recommended on behalf of the Committee that four "home libraries," of not less than fifty children's books each, be furnished delivery station No. 24 West, for circulation at tenement house centers under the care and guarantee of the voluntary library attendants at that station without further expense to the Public Library than to furnish the books and cases and to transport them to and from delivery station No. 24 West.

Director Eckhart moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in and that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for proposals for an automobile.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

That a contract be entered into with J. J. Sherman for a storm vestibule for the door to branch reading room at Lewis Institute to cost $48.50.

2. That a contract be entered into with Joseph Halsted Company to install certain new iron floor beams and an iron floor plate in the stack room for strengthening the floor of the third story stacks, at a cost of $65, this being the lowest bid received.

Director Novak moved that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance begs to report that, since the last meeting of the Board, upon the urgent request of the City Controller, it caused estimates of the cost of maintaining the Library for the year 1907 to be made up. The estimates, which follow, were put into the hands of the City Controller several days ago and your Committee asks your approval of the same and the ratification of its action in the premises.

ESTIMATES FOR 1907.

Salaries, main library	$149,250 00
Salaries, branch reading room	20,000 00
Salaries, delivery stations	26,000 00
Delivery stations, miscellaneous	20,250 00
Branch reading rooms, miscellaneous	16,000 00
Books	43,500 00
Binding	25,000 00
Finding lists	5,000 00
Printing and stationery	7,500 00

Newspapers and periodicals	12,000 00
Miscellaneous	7,000 00
Fuel	17,000 00
Heating and generating plant	4 000 00
Electric supplies and repairs	1,000 00
Elevator supplies and repairs	1,100 00
Janitors expense	2,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	20,000 00
Insurance	4,000 00
Freight and expressage	800 00
Postage	1,200 00
Books lost and paid for—refunds	400 00
Repairs, alterations and improvements	24,000 00
Blackstone branch library	18,000 00
Interest on tax warrants	5,000 00
Reserve for costs of extension and collection of tax	45,000 00
	$475,000 00

It will be observed that the total amount asked for is fifty thousand dollars more than was asked for, for the current year. This was done in view of the fact that under the revenue law the real estate of the city will be re-valued in 1907, and your Committee wishes to take advantage of any increase such re-valuation may bring to the total assessment of property in the city.

Your Committee would, also, report that, with the estimates, it made a demand upon the Finance Committee of the City Council for $23,534.44 still due the Library fund from the General fund of the city to which this money was transferred by the City Controller in 1880, and, also, for the sum of $40,917.90 which the Public Library Board paid out of its own funds for fitting up certain rooms on the fourth floor in the City Hall for its use; the same to be refunded to the Library fund upon the removal of the Library from the City Hall.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ECKHART,
JOHN L. NOVAK,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Finance.

Chicago, Nov. 26, 1906.

Director Stern moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Librarian stated that one Walter J. Wilcox, 4244 Langley avenue, had on two occasions been seized by an epileptic fit while in the reading room and that on this account he had been formally barred from the room; that Mr. Wilcox had protested against this order and desired to appeal his case to the Board.

Mr. Wilcox being present was asked to state his case. After telling the Board of his sickness and having been questioned by several of the members he withdrew from the room.

After some consideration, by consent, the Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Wilcox and extend to him the sympathy of the Board in his affliction and inform him that it concurs in the action of the Librarian in debarring him from the use of the Library for a period of three months, and that at the end of that time if his health is better he will again be allowed the freedom of the reading rooms of the Library.

The Librarian, also, stated that the room assigned to the Municipal museum was not used by them except for housing a large lot of debris from the wooden partitions used during the exhibitions by the Museum last year and recommended that the authorities of that institution be requested to remove it at once as it was a menace to the Library.

Director Taylor moved that the recom-

mendation of the Librarian be concurred in and that the Secretary notify the proper authorities of this action of the Board.

Carried.

Director Roulston was excused by the President and withdrew from the room.

The Librarian stated that the new copy-right bill would come up before Congress in about two weeks, and that the Library Copy-right League, whose members consist of eight or ten of the largest libraries in this country, are desirous of bringing influence to bear upon Congress for the purpose of preventing the passage of a bill detrimental to the interests of libraries and other public educational institutions. That to do this it is necessary to urge the libraries and colleges of the country through prepared literature, to appeal to their Congressmen and Senators to guard the interests of these institutions. That the members of the League depend upon subscriptions to a fund to be used for this purpose and recommended that the Chicago Public Library contribute to this fund the sum of $25.

Director Cigrand moved that $25. be appropriated and be paid from the incidental fund to the proper officer of the Library Copy-right League for the purposes designated.

Carried.

Also, that several applications had been made for the lecture prepared by Mr. Carl Roden last year on the Public Library, illustrated by slides provided by this Board.

That the giving of this lecture would entail some expense for a lamp and an operator, not to exceed $10 per lecture, and recommended that this amount be allowed by the Board.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendation of the Librarian be concurred in, limiting the number of lectures to five during the season.

Carried,

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1906.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the Vice-President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Brosseau and the President.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 26, 1906, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the City Controller was presented and read:

"CHICAGO, Dec. 10, 1906.

"W. B. Wickersham, Esq,,

"Sec'y Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

"Dear Sir:—I transmit herewith statement of Library taxes collected during 1906, as per County Collector's report.

Very respectfully,

L. E. MCGANN,

Controller.

Statement of Public Library taxes collected during 1906, as per County Collector's report:

Taxes, 1905.	
Levy based upon valuation and rate	$261,114.64
Gain in extended tax	2,802.18
Total tax extended	263,916.82
Losses.	
Forfeited to State	1,074.99
Judgment refused	237.80
Judgments entered—no order of sale	69.05
Errors	117.48
Enjoined	71.22
Applications withdrawn	1.33
Personal property uncollected	4,417.14
Total losses	5,989,01
Total amount collected	257,927.81
Costs.	
County Collector's commission, 1 per cent	1,938 38
Town Collector's commission, 2 per cent	1,281.77

County Clerk's fee for extending	19,895.19
Total cost	23,115.34
Total cash received	234,812.47
Taxes 1904 and prior.	
Amount extended on warrant, 1905	7,023.38
Amount collected not on warrant, 1905	416.50
Total amount to be collected	7,439.88
Losses.	
Forfeited to State	6,206.88
Judgments refused	92.78
Judgments entered no order of sale	217.90
Errors	10.21
Enjoined	108.79
Application withdrawn	1.09
Pending	81.87
Total losses	6,719.52
Total amount collected	720.36
Cost.	
County Collector's commission, 1 per cent	7.21
Total cash collected	713.15
Total cash received account taxes, 1905	234,812.47
Total cash received account taxes, 1904 and prior	713.15
Grand total cash received	$235,525.62

Director Roulston moved that the communication be received and be printed and filed.

Carried.

Communications were received as follows:

From Prof. George E. Vincent, acknowledging the receipt of a letter requesting the Municipal Museum to clear the rubbish out of the room occupied by it on the fourth floor of the Library building and stating that the matter would be attended to at once.

The communication was placed on file.

From W. N. Schultz, Ph. D., of Oak Park, requesting the Board to grant him permission to draw books from the Library.

Director Roulston moved that the request be granted.

Carried.

From the teachers of the South Chicago high school and of the Phil Sheridan school and citizens in that neighborhood, praying the Board to establish a branch reading room and delivery station in Bessemer Park, located in South Chicago.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From C. G. Garland, former keeper of delivery station No. 11 North, 1956 N. Halsted street, notifying the Board of the sale of his store to Helen L. Keller, and from Helen L. Keller asking that the delivery station be allowed to remain in her care.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Wm. J. Wall, 5229 Madison street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From John Murray, coal passer, praying the Board to grant him compensation for one week lost in October on account of illness contracted while in the discharge of his duty.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Sam Mandel, page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignation of Mr. Mandel be accepted and that the Librarian make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $300 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, on behalf of the Committee, presented the following recommendations:

1. That the following books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 78 vols., to cost $108.

A list of current English books, 18 vols., to cost $38.

A list of miscellaneous books for the Blackstone branch library, 286 vols., to cost $286.

2. That 200 book-supports, for use on the shelves of the stack rooms, be ordered purchased at a cost of $40.

3. That a list of bills for special books, continuations, etc., amounting to $90.67, be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

4. That the report of the Librarian for November, 1906, be ordered printed and filed.

5. That the following bills be ordered paid:

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$ 814.36
William Abbatt, books	15.75
M. Brunker Ross, books	42.75
Geo. E. Warner, books	31.50
Wm. C. Armor, books	20.00
Everitt & Francis Co., books	35.40
Bernard Quaritch, books, £1/1/(est.)	5.12
Matthew Bell & Co.. binding, £17/17/(est.)	87.10
Joseph Flucke, binding	512.34
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	411.62
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	213.85
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	32.98
The Shaw-Walker Co., white cards	18.00
W. D. Messenger & Co., paper	77.53
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing	7.75
W. J. Williams & Co., rubber bands	8.40
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	15.32
James Watson & Co., printing minutes	26.35
Dennison Mfg. Co., gummed labels	39.91
Safford Stamp Works, rubber stamps	14.00
H. S. Parrish, repairing numbering machine, etc	7.75
Bennett's Newspaper & Magazine Subscription Agency, sub. to magazines and periodicals	1,951.30
The Hammond Typewriter Co., machines, etc	125.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., rent of machine	5.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Nov., 1906	233.00
G. E. Stechert & Co., periodicals	29.82
	$4,781.50

Director Stern moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—7.

Nays—None.

Director Stern also reported progress in the consideration of the petition of the South Park Commissioners for a reading room in Mark White Square and of James B. Hicks for additional books for the Englewood Free Reading Room.

He, also, stated that a part of the joint Committee on Library and Buildings and Grounds and the Librarian, had visited

the old town hall at Austin, which the citizens of that place desired should be turned over to the Library Board for use as a branch library; that while the joint Committee did not look upon the proposal with much favor it was not ready to make a report.

By consent, the matter was left in the hands of the Committee for further consideration.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, stated that the Librarian had suspended Abraham L. Harris, on the 3d inst., for absence from duty without leave and violation of the rules of the Library governing elevator operators. Mr. Harris being in waiting, was called before the Board and given a preliminary hearing, after which

Director Eckhart moved that the case be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

The Secretary, for the Committee, presented the following bills, audited and approved:

J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	66.95
Knox Automobile Co., auto parts	53.25
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., rubber tires	54.73
McCord & Co., repairing lubricator	11.18
The Fair, lap robes, etc	30.05
	$231.16

Director Taylor moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—7.

Nays—None.

At the request of the Chair, the Secretary stated that Rev. Frank N. Riale, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Forty-sixth street and Emerald avenue, had called to explain his request for a delivery station at that place and had stated that the citizens of the neighborhood had fitted up rooms in the basement of the church at an expense of about $1,000 for a reading room and had stocked up with reading matter; that the owner of a plot of ground, consisting of twenty or more lots in size, had agreed to turn it over for a "children's playground" and that the Small Parks' Commissioners had agreed to accept it and fit it up for that purpose next spring; that in connection with this, the people were very anxious to have the Library Board establish a delivery station in the reading room which would be kept open every evening and probably half the afternoons of the week.

After consideration, Director Stern moved that the Secretary be requested to say to Mr. Riale that the Board could not see its way clear to establish a delivery station in connection with their reading room, but that if a building should be erected on the playgrounds the Board will comply with their request.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—7.

Nays—None.

Maurice Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Av. reading room	60.00
Ernst Stock, Agent, rent, North Av. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Av. reading room	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Av. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., rental arc lights	12.00
The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	18.90
Ogden Gas Co., gas	11.15
A. H. Arnold, sprinkling streets (reading rooms)	17.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	743.18
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	35.26
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	32.14
Bullard & Gormley Co., miscellaneous hardware	69.41
Dearborn Drug and Chemical Works, oil	25.70
Crane Co., bushings, brass unions, etc.	35.93
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	17.25
Thayer & Lynn, turning commutator for generator	22.00
Samuel Harris & Co., engineers' supplies	5.00
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	19.50
Peter Van Schaack & Sons, chamois skins	21.00
The Republic Metalware Co., buckets, cups and pans	11.66
James H. Rice Co., glass for automobile, etc.	11.93
Southwestern Slate Co., slate	50.00
H. Rosenbaum, repairing dome, etc	330.91
Marshall Field & Co., cork carpet	208.60
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work, etc.	151.80
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone	130.80
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service	15.00
W. V. Geary, sprinkling streets, etc. (reading rooms)	25.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Nov., 1906	55.89
	$2,500.66

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, presented the bill of the International Audit Company for auditing the books and accounts of the Public Library for two quarters ending respectively May 31 and August 31, 1906, amounting to $50, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

Director Taylor moved that when the Board should adjourn it should adjourn until Monday, January 7, 1907, at eight o'clock p. m.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Chair informed the Board of the death of ex-Director Azel F. Hatch and presented the following memorial minute, which was read by the Secretary and was unanimously adopted.

MEMORIAL MINUTE.

In the death of ex-Director Azel F. Hatch it can be truly said the Public Library has sustained the loss of a staunch friend and the community a prominent and valued member. Mr. Hatch was a member of the Library Board nine years —one term from 1890 to 1893 and two terms covering 1894 to 1900. During this time he was an active member of various committees and especially of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, of which he was chairman one year. As an attorney he rendered valuable service in various ways and especially in connection with the legal phases of the construction

of the Library building. For two years he was vice-president of the Board and for two years he was president. As president it became his duty to preside at the dedication of the new Library building October 9, 1897, upon which occasion he delivered a masterly address, the essence of which he put into one sentence: "A great library, free to all the people, is therefore the natural supplement to any system of public instruction."

As a man Mr. Hatch was gentle and courteous, yet firm in his adherence to what he thought right. His relations to his colleagues and to the staff of the Library were always agreeable, his manner being such as to inspire a feeling of confidence in himself with those with whom he came in contact.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the Board is extended to the bereaved family in its great loss of husband and father.

Resolved, That this minute be spread upon the records of the Board and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

On motion of Director Taylor, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR NOVEMBER, 1906.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of November was 116,092, against 115,094 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 24 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,837.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1906.	1905.
Number of recorded visitors	11,386	11,244
Books issued from stacks	29,972	31,043

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,491. Books consulted, 7,779.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1906.	1905.
Number of visitors	2,118	1,878
Volumes consulted	9,574	8,776

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 230. Bound newspapers consulted, 344. Books for the blind circulated, 114.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,862. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 217. Average maximum attendance per hour, 308.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Number of visitors	2,681	2,359	2,599	6,649	2,675	——
Periodicals issued	840	939	1,829	2,495	3,043	——
Books issued	1,844	1,530	1,329	6,263	859	——
Average Sunday visitors	79	91	66	255	59	——
Women visitors	238	506	283	2,113	130	——
Books circulated	1,432	1,155	1,005	795	635	1,798

BRANCH READING ROOMS IN SMALL PARKS.

	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.
Mean attendance per hour	16	13	16
Average maximum attendance per hour	27	22	20

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 19. Average maximum attendance per hour, 67. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 4,963, of which 372 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 70,940, against 69,282 from 69 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 3,544, of which 1,943 were issued to males, and 1,601 to females. The registration of November, 1905, was 4,412. The number of two-year cards outstanding is 84,055.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies November 1, 1906	4,492
Number of books sent to binderies in November	1,496
Total number of books at binderies in November	5,988
Number of books received from binderies in November	2,349
Number of books at binderies November 30, 1906	3,639
Number of books repaired in Library in November	5,273

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library November 31, 1906, was 328,065. Received since June 1, 1906, 7,207; since November 1, 1,346. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 2,543; since November 1, 459. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 252; since November 1, 42. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 43; since November 1, 5.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

Chicago, Dec. 10, 1906.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Taylor and Stern.

Absent—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Lagorio and the President.

There being no quorum present, the meeting was adjourned until January 9, 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent — Directors Roulston, Novak and Taylor.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the minutes of the meeting held December 10, 1906, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from Director Graham Taylor expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the meeting on account of absence from the City.

Ordered to be filed.

The following communication was received from the City Controller:

CHICAGO, Jan. 9, 1907.

"*To the Honorable Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.*

"*Gentlemen:*—I beg to inform you that I have been officially notified by the County Clerk that the official rate for the Public Library for 1906 is six and one-half (.06½) cents on the hundred (100) dollars on the total city valuation of four hundred twenty-six million, two hundred sixty-three thousand, two hundred ninety-six dollars ($426,263,296).

"Very respectfully,

"L. E. MCGANN,

"*Comptroller.*"

Ordered to be placed on file.

Communications were, also, received as follows:

From Frances G. Casebeer, Secretary of the Normal Practice School Parents Club, enclosing a resolution regarding the rules between the public schools and the Public Library.

Director Brosseau moved that the communication be placed on file.

Carried.

From Louis Weiller, 1421 Grace street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his number.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Elizabeth A. Young, praying the Board to extend her leave of absence for three months ending March 31, 1907.

Director Eckhart moved that the request of Miss Young be granted.

Carried.

From Abraham L. Harris, praying the Board for a re-arrangement of his time as elevator operator and for compensation from December 3, 1906, to January 2, 1907.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

Resignations were received as follows:

From Joseph A. Schaffer and Myer Linker, pages; Julius C. Greenbaum, superintendent of branch reading room No. 2, and Mrs. Mary J. Kelly, janitress.

Director Eckhart moved that the foregoing resignations be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make requisitions upon the Civil Service Commission for two pages at $300 per annum each and for a janitress at $540 per annum.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books:

A list of worn-out American fiction to be replaced, 2,448 vols., to cost $1,700.

A list of current American books, 102 vols., to cost $138.37.

A list of miscellaneous American books, 54 vols., to cost $41.86.

A list of current English books, 79 vols., to cost $125.

A list of Yiddish books to cost $150.

A list of books to be purchased from the Ryder fund, estimated to cost $1,100, as follows:

Amsterdam in die 17de eeuw. 25 parts. 's Gravenhage. W. P. VanStockum & Zoon. 1897-1904. Fl. 156.

Menzel, Adolph von. Abbildungen seiner Gemälde und Studien. München, 1906. M. 100,00.

Steindl, Emerich. Das Ungarische Parlamentshaus; red. von B. N. de Pilis. Hiersemann. M. 130.00.

Brevario Grimani, II. 12v. at $50.00.

Sierra, Justus. Mexico; its Social Evolution; tr. by G. Sentinon. 2v. in 3. (500 Illustrations; 100 Plates; folio) M. 160.00. Hiersemann.

Martin, F. R. History of Oriental Carpets before 1800. 3v. Quaritch. £16/0/0.

Michel, Andrê. F. Boucher; his Life, his Work, his Epoch. Paris. Piazza & Cie. Fr. 200.

Josz, Virgile. Watteau. Paris. Piazza & Cie. Fr. 200.

Mauclair, Camille. Greuze. Paris. Piazza & Cie. Fr. 200.

Blondel, Jacques F. Réimpression de l'Architecture Francaise. 4v. Librairie Centrale des Beaux-Arts. Fr. 360.

Racinet. Le Costume Historique. 6v. Paris. 1888. $150.00.

Director Brosseau moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau, also, presented a list of bills for continuations, subscription books, books bought at auction, etc., amounting to $65.00, and moved that the bills be approved and be ordered paid.

Carried.

He, also, stated that the Librarian was in need of 6 nine-drawer cabinets for the branch reading rooms to cost $18 each, and 1 twelve-drawer cabinet to cost $27.-50, and moved that the cabinets be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

Also, that bids had been received for printing the thirty-fourth annual report of the Board ranging in price from $153.12 to $200, and moved that a contract be awarded to George K. Hazlitt & Co. to print the report for $153.12, that being the lowest bid received.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

Also, the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$ 659.06
The Book Shop, books	15.50
The Texas State Historical Ass'n, books	38.00
B. F. Stevens & Brown, periodicals and books, £198/2/6 (est.)	967.07
Charles McDonald & Co., periodicals	52.24
Joseph Flucke, binding	550.81
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	406.38
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	153.55
Matthew Bell & Co.. binding, £7/7/— (est.)	35.86
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	7.01
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	42.23
Cameron, Amberg & Co., stationery	23.35
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	9.57
Geo. K. Hazlitt & Co., printing order slips	12.50
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing misc. slips	50.75
James Watson & Co., printing minutes	26.95
Schulkins & Co.. printing postal cards	5.25

J. Manz Engraving Co., half-tones of Library rooms	17.70
Underwood Typewriter Co., machine rental, etc	8.00
Remington Typewriter Co., repairing machine	5.00
Art Metal Construction Co., book supports	40 00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Dec., 1906	175.21
	$3,301.99

He, also, reported back the communication of Taylor A. Snow, asking that a branch library be established in the old town hall in Austin, and stated the Committee was of the opinion that the building is unsuitable for use as a branch library, but should the citizens, or those interested in the matter at Austin, erect a suitable building for branch library purposes it would recommend favorable consideration of the request for a branch library in that vicinity.

Director Stern moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Also, the communication from L. A. Walton, president South Park Commissioners, asking that a branch reading room be opened in Mark White Square field house, with the recommendation that the request be not granted on account of its proximity to Armour Square, where a branch reading room is now in operation, and because the room to be devoted to this purpose is in a building detached from the main field house.

The recommendation was concurred in.

Also, the communication of James B. Hicks asking for additional books for the Englewood Free Reading Room, 776 W. Sixty-third street, with the recommendation that the petition be not granted on account of the great demand at the main library for such books as are asked for by him, and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

He, also, presented the report of the Librarian for December, 1906, with the recommendation that it be printed and filed.

The recommendation was concurred in.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Eckhart, for the Committee, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Administration, having had under consideration various matters under its supervision, begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That the action of the Librarian in suspending Abraham L. Harris, an elevator operator, for absence without leave and violation of the rules, be approved, and that said Harris stand suspended for a period of one month from December 3, 1906.

2. That the action of the Librarian in suspending Charles J. Beatty and Charles A. Egan, pages, for conduct detrimental to the service, be approved, and that said Beatty and Egan stand suspended for a period of twelve days from December 20, 1906.

3. That the petition of John Murray, a coal passer, for compensation for one week lost on account of illness contracted while on duty, be granted.

4. That Arthur S. Sweeney, a page, be promoted to the position of superintendent of Branch Reading Room No. 4, at a salary of $900 per year, Mr. Sweeney having passed the promotional ex-

amination for the position left vacant by the resignation of Fred. F. Rex.

5. That James H. Biddle, a clerk in charge of the Davis Square Reading Room, be promoted to the position of superintendent of Branch Reading Room No. 2, at a salary of $900 per year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Julius C. Greenbaum, Mr. Biddle having passed the promotional examination for the higher position.

6. That Mrs. M. Gash Patrick, clerk, be transferred to the Davis Square Reading Room, at a salary of $600 per year, to fill the position left vacant by the promotion of Mr. Biddle.

7. That a requisition be made on the Civil Service Commission for one clerk, at a salary of $400 per year, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Patrick.

8. That a requisition be made on the Civil Service Commission for two clerks (females), to act as substitutes in the absence of regular employés, the salary of such clerks to be at the rate of $400 per year each.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. ROULSTON,
A. LAGORIO,
JOHN W. ECKHART,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago, Jan. 9, 1907.

Director Eckhart moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Eckhart, also, presented the following report of vacancies, appointments and changes of salary for November and December, 1906, and it was ordered printed and filed.

Isadore Stern, page, resigned October 26 (resignation received in November).

Adolph Gehr, elevator operator, discharged Nov. 1.

Mrs. Jennie Keegan, janitress, resigned Nov. 1.

Mrs. Carrie M. Plumb, clerk, discharged Nov. 26.

Edward T. Mannix, page, discharged Nov. 27.

Samuel Mandel, page, resigned Dec. 7.

Elevator operator appointed, $600 per year:
Frederick C. Ferguson, Nov. 3.

Window washer appointed, $650 per year:
Charles L. Viane, Nov. 22.

Window washer appointed, $600 per year:
John F. Carlson, Nov. 23.

Janitress appointed, $540 per year:
Mary J. Kelly, Nov. 30.

Clerk appointed, $400 per year:
Mary A. McInerney, Dec. 17.

Pages increased in salary, $300 to $350 per year:
John T. James, Dec. 5.
Henry Schaefer, Dec. 5.
Ralph Kennedy, Dec. 5.

Branch reading room superintendent, increased in salary, $950 to $1200 per year:
James C. Barbee, Dec. 1.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, stated that bids had been advertised for, for a gasoline automobile, but that only one bid was received, that of the Knox Automobile Company of Illinois; that in view of the fact that in a few weeks there will be an exhibition of automobiles in this city, the Committee was agreed in recommending that no action be taken in regard to the purchase of an automobile

until after an inspection of such machines at said exhibition.

He, also, recommended that authority be given to have about fifty delivery station trunks repaired at an expense estimated at fifty cents each.

Also, that the petition of Helen Keller to be appointed keeper of station No. 11 North be granted.

Also, that applications for delivery stations at 842 Twelfth street and 426 Van Buren street be filed on account of their proximity to other stations.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Cigrand reported back the petitions from the teachers of the South Chicago high school, the Phil Sheridan school and citizens in the vicinity of those schools, for a branch reading room to be opened in Bessemer Park field house, and asked that the question be taken up for consideration in open Board.

There being no objection the communications were taken up and were considered; whereupon

Director Cigrand moved that the Library Board proceed to open a branch reading room and delivery station in the field house in Bessemer Park under the same conditions as prevail at the reading rooms in the other park field houses, and that $1,000 be appropriated for books for such room.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Cigrand moved that delivery station No. 8 South, located at 9155 Commercial avenue, be closed, and be transferred to Bessemer Park field house.

Carried.

Director Eckhart moved that the moneys to be used in the purchase of books for the branch reading room, provided for above, be paid out of the Kelly interest fund.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Cigrand, also, reported back the petitions for a delivery station to be established in Windsor park.

Director Brosseau moved that a delivery station be opened on trial for two months at Windsor park, the location to be selected by the superintendent of delivery stations.

Carried.

Director Cigrand presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Knox Automobile Co., repair parts for auto	113.20
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., rubber tire	46.72
Knox Automobile Co. of Ill., repair parts for autos	27.50
The Whitney Mfg. Co., auto chains	69.96
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	53.30
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline	22.73
M. B. Austin & Co., supplies for autos	11.58
Wayman & Murphy, supplies for autos	33.50
	$393.49

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Stern, for the Committee, presented the following report, which was read by the Secretary:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred sundry communications complaining of ventilation in the reading and reference rooms in the Library building, begs to report that it has made some investigation in the matter and would state that the amount of air driven into these rooms and taken out by the large fans in operation in the basement is more than sufficient for ventilation, according to the standard requirements of sanitary engineers, but that there are times when the condition of the atmosphere is such that the odor emanating from the clothing and the persons of those who are not cleanly in habit is perceptible. This is particularly true in the reading room, which is frequented by all classes, many of whom are no doubt strangers to the most ordinary standards of cleanliness.

Your Committee having called the chief engineer of the building into consultation, was advised that he had taken steps to speed up the fans, thus throwing a greater volume of air into the rooms. He stated, however, that the electric motors had been doing about all that could be expected of them, and that the additional speed was likely to break them down. In this case he would recommend to the Board that new and larger motors be obtained.

The engineer also stated that the automobile shed had been built over the outlet from the reading room, and that except when the doors are open it prevents a free discharge from the fans. He recommended to obviate this that three louvers be made and installed in the west wall of the shed, which will give ample vent to the discharged air. This improvement can be made for not to exceed $45, one estimate having been received at that amount, and your Committee would recommend that this be done.

Your Committee recommends that the experiments begun by the chief engineer in speeding up the motors be continued, and that should it become necessary motors of higher horse power be installed for the better carrying out of this plan of action.

Your Committee has received several bids for electric light fixtures for the Thomas Hughes room and would recommend that the bid of T. W. Wilmarth Company to install eight chandeliers, each equipped with six lights, as per sketch furnished them, for the sum of $299.20, be accepted.

Your Committee would, also, recommend that the Secretary be authorized to purchase the annual supply of hand and roller towels during the month of January at an expense of, about, $250, and to purchase other supplies, such as mops, toilet paper, bristle brooms, etc., in the usual quantities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN.
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, Jan. 9, 1907.

Director Cigrand moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Stern presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None,

Maurice Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room. ....$	55.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Av. reading room.	60.00
Ernst Stock, rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Av. reading room.....	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Av. reading room..... .	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent,etc.,Lewis Institute reading room.	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas, reading rooms, 2 months.....	66.81
Ogden Gas Co., gas, North Av. reading room.....	11.05
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal.....	1,041.22
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels.	26.81
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail..	9.00
International Time Recording Co., adjusting time clock	4.80
The Haegele Ice Co., ice.....	25.74
Gerts, Lumbard & Co., brushes.....	4.72
The Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	8.09
A. P. W. Paper Co., toilet supplies.....	9.25
Bullard & Gormley Co., miscellaneous hardware.....	39.96
Keasbey, Mattison Co., magnesia covering.....	60.94
G. Bossenga, removing ashes.....	12.00
Bartell Bros., kerosene.....	4.50
Samuel Harris & Co., engineers' supplies	9.03
Riddiford Bros., brooms.....	4.00
Crane Co., engineers supplies.....	7.83
McMaster-Davis Supply Co., helmet oil..	3.82
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., selected wipers	4.38
John F. Walsh, valves.....	7.98
Dearborn Drug and Chemical Works, oil	50.49
John A. Roebling's Sons Co., rope.....	7.83
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	8.83
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap.....	20.15
James H. Rice Co., paint and alcohol...	5.99
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work,	94.57
H. Rosenbaum Co., laying new slate tiles on roof.....	134.52
Joseph Halsted Co., new floor beams, etc., in stack room.....	83.00
J. J. Sherman, building storm vestibule	48.50
Library Bureau, bookcase and tables....	275.00
T. W. Wilmarth Co., lamps	6.50
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone Library, 2 months.....	265.20
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Dec., 1906	54.63
	$2,813.14

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, stated, informally, that the Committee had called upon the Finance Committee of the City Council and had requested that Committee to recommend to the City Council that an appropriation be made in the annual budget for re-imbursing the Library fund for moneys transferred by the City Controller to the general fund and for moneys expended by the Library Board in fitting up certain rooms in the City Hall, and that the Committee had promised to take the matter under advisement.

On motion of Director Brosseau, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR DECEMBER, 1906.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of December was 118,653, against 114,809 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,746.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1906.	1905.
Number of recorded visitors	11,265	11,135
Books issued from stacks	30,282	30,136

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,625. Books consulted, 8,021.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1906.	1905.
Number of visitors	2,225	1,958
Volumes consulted	10,211	9,006

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 275. Bound newspapers consulted, 430. Books for the blind circulated, 110.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 10,333. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 228. Average maximum attendance per hour, 328.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	19	26	19	2,175
No. 2	12	24	13	1,117
No. 3	14	22	11	1,096
No. 4	34	45	53	908
No. 5	14	20	12	770
No. 6	27	38	38	1,816
No. 7	14	26	21	1,038
No. 8	17	30	36	328
No. 9	12	17	20	671

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 19. Average maximum attendance per hour, 66. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 4,533, of which 315 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 72,750, against 70,020 from 68 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,193, of which 1,375 were issued to males, and 818 to females. The registration of December, 1905, was 3,022. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 85,656.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies December 1, 1906	3,639
Number of books sent to binderies in December	2,256
Total number of books at binderies in December	5,895
Number of books received from binderies in December	2,611
Number of books at binderies December 31, 1906	3,284
Number of books repaired in Library in December	3,878

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library December 31, 1906, was 328,520. Received since June 1, 1906, 8,170; since December 1, 963. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 3,010; since December 1, 467. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 305; since December 1, 53. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 55; since December 1, 12.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau and Eckhart.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of January 7 and of January 9, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From the secretary of the South Park Commissioners thanking the Board for its action in establishing a branch reading room and delivery station in the field house in Bessemer Park.

Ordered to be filed.

From Rev. Geo. T. McCarthy, superintendent of St. Mary's training school, thanking the Board for the gift of books to that institution.

Ordered to be filed.

From Professors B. F. Clark and A. B. Laughlin, of Lyons Township High School at LaGrange, Illinois, requesting that cards be issued to them upon which Library books may be drawn.

Director Stern moved that the request be granted.

Carried.

From Frank Rittenhouse, representing the Social and Mutual Advancement Association of the Blind of Chicago, praying the Board to grant that society the use of the "room for the blind" free of charge, for two evenings in the month for the purpose of holding its meetings.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From Arthur L. Roberts, correspond-

ing secretary of the Pas-A-Pas Club, calling the attention of the Board to the bust of the Abbe de l' Epee in its possession, and requesting that it be given a prominent place in some public room of the Library building.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From J. Frazier Snyder, residing in Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois, praying the Board to grant him a card upon which he may draw books from the Library on the ground that he is a large taxpayer of city taxes.

Director Novak moved that the petition be granted.

Carried.

From Geo. H. Daugherty, residing at Downer's Grove, DuPage County, Ill., praying the Board to grant him a card upon which he may draw books from the Library.

Director Novak moved that the request be granted.

Carried.

From Rev. W. H. McPherson, 6419 Parnell avenue, accompanied by a petition from citizens residing in that vicinity, praying the Board to establish a branch reading room and delivery station in the field house in Ogden park.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From A. Roth, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store, 324 Blue Island avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. M. Gash Patrick, clerk in charge of Davis Square branch reading room, praying the Board to allow her to furnish a substitute on the first and third Saturday evenings of each month.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Agatha A. Wieboldt, clerk, praying the Board to grant her a leave of absence of two or three weeks on account of illness.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From John D. Barchard, automobile operator, praying the Board to grant him compensation for loss of time on account of illness, from November 14, 1906, to December 12, 1906, inclusive, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Oscar Hasling, window washer, praying the Board to grant him compensation for three days lost in the current month on account of illness.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From James K. Taylor, 5403 Lake avenue, praying the Board to remit the price of a book destroyed in a fire which burned his home and its contents.

Director Novak moved that the petition of Mr. Taylor be granted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, in the absence of a majority of the Committee, moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Stern then presented the following:

A list of current American books, 131 vols., to cost $150.

A list of English books, 144 vols., to cost $175.

A list of miscellaneous books, 36 vols., to cost $142.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 225 vols., to cost $200.

A list of books for branch reading rooms, 3,882 vols., to cost $3,500.

A list of Juvenile books to be replaced, 1,650 vols., to cost $1,000.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch, 374 vols., to cost $400.

Director Stern moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Stern, also, stated that the Librarian desired an additional Underwood typewriting machine for use in the cataloging department, to cost $100, less the usual discount.

He, also, stated that the deposit of funds with the Library of Congress for printed catalog cards was overdrawn $82.94 on December 31, and asked that an appropriation of $250 be made to make good the overdraft and for renewal of our deposit with that Library.

Director Stern moved that the typewriting machine be purchased and that the appropriation for Library of Congress cards be approved.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, reported back the communication of Abraham L. Harris, referred to that Committee at last meeting, and recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that it be placed on file.

The recommendation was concurred in.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, stated that none of the windows in the Thomas Hughes room can be opened for ventilation, and that as the room will often contain a large number of persons, he would recommend, on behalf of the Committee, that two or three of the windows be altered so that they can be opened, when additional ventilation is needed.

He, also, recommended that a forge and blacksmith tools be purchased for the use of the engineer's department at a cost of, about, $100.

Also, that authority be given to purchase two strips of rubber matting for the floor of the corridor leading from the Washington street staircase hall to the reference room at a cost of, about, $80.

Director Novak moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays.—None.

Director Novak stated that the question as to whether or not the Library shall pay inspection fees for the elevators has never been finally settled and demands are frequently made for these fees, and asked that some action be taken looking to a settlement of this question.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Novak presented the following annual statements of the Public Library fund for the year 1906, and asked that they be printed and filed.

It was so ordered.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND—APPROPRIATION FOR 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Library fund January 1, 1906			$170,532.79
Petty cash fund			500.00
Tax levy 1906:			
Appropriation by City Council		$425,000.00	
Reduction under "Juul Act"		147,928.86	
Net levy			277,071.14
Gain in extending taxes of 1905			2,802.18
Delinquent taxes collected		720.36	
Less cost of collecting, one per cent		7.21	713.15
Adjustment of reserve for loss and cost:			
Amount reserved		30,000.00	
County Clerk's fee for extending	19,895.19		
Commission for collecting	3,220.15		
Delinquent taxes	5,989.01	29,104.35	895.65
Interest on funds—E. Hummel, Treasurer			496.76
Miscellaneous receipts			5,603.57
			458,615.24

EXPENSE.

Salaries, main Library	$117,119.47
Salaries, branch reading rooms	7,787.69
Salaries, delivery stations	13,678.65
Delivery stations, miscellaneous	3,877.89
Branch reading rooms, miscellaneous	5,723.13
Books	18,891.46
Binding	12,492.71
Finding lists	686.23
Printing and stationery	2,921.24
Newspapers and periodicals	5,251.49
Miscellaneous	3,146.03
Fuel	7,815.38
Heating and generating plant	1,394.52

Electrical supplies and repairs	179.85	
Elevator supplies and repairs	207.43	
Janitors expense	614.87	
Furniture and fixtures	3,691.42	
Insurance	982.19	
Freight and expressage	293.25	
Postage	601.50	
Books lost and paid for—refunds	126.75	
Repairs, alterations and improvements	3,005.82	
Blackstone branch library	6,634.15	
	217,123.12	
Interest on tax warrants 1905	1,829.98	
Interest on tax warrants 1906	932.09	
Reserve for loss and costs 1906	30,000.00	
		249,885.19
Balance in Library fund December 31, 1906		$208,730.05

CASH 1906—RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand January 1, 1906	$ 338.12	
Taxes 1905 received	234,812.47	
Taxes 1904 and prior received	713.15	
Sale of 1905 tax warrants	101,200.00	
Sale of 1906 tax warrants	49,500.00	
Interest on funds—E. Hummel, Treasurer	496.76	
Miscellaneous receipts	5,603.57	
Total receipts		392,664.07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Tax warrants 1905 paid	160,500.00	
Interest on same	3,449.95	
Expense as per vouchers audited	217,123.12	
Total disbursements		381,073.07
Balance cash in hands of City Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1906		$ 11,591.00

Correct:
M. M. FOOT, *General Accountant.*

Approved:
L. E. MCGANN, *Comptroller.*

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND 1906.

Surplus January 1, 1906		$170,532.79
Credits not appertaining to current period:		
Taxes of previous years collected	$ 720.36	
Gain in extending taxes of 1905	2,802.18	
Excess of reserve for loss and costs of taxes 1905	895.65	

Interest on funds—E. Hummel, City Treasurer	496.76	
Petty cash fund	500.00	
Total credits		5,414.95
Total surplus		175,947.74
Charges not appertaining to current period:		
Costs of collecting taxes of prior years	7.21	
Total charges		7.21
Surplus of January 1st as adjusted		175,940.53
Current year:		
Revenue:		
Taxes 1906	277,071.14	
Miscellaneous	5,603.57	
Total revenue	282,674.71	
Expense:		
Expense as per vouchers audited	249,885.19	
Excess of revenue over expense		32,789.52
Surplus December 31, 1906:		
Excess of current assets over current liabilities		$208,730.05

INCREASE IN SURPLUS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

FROM 1901 TO 1906, INCLUSIVE.

		Increase over previous year.
1901 surplus December 31	$ 505.04	
1902 " "	52,325.50	51,820.46
1903 " "	118,349.19	66,023.69
1904 " "	150,258.21	31,909.02
1905 " "	170,532.79	20,274.58
1906 " "	208,730.05	38,197.26

Director Novak presented the following resolutions and moved that they be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulson, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Whereas, In order to provide funds for the prompt payment of the Public Library pay rolls and miscellaneous expenses for the first few months of the current year it will be necessary to sell anticipation tax warrants against the Library tax levy for 1906,

Resolved, That his Honor, the Mayor, and the City Controller be and they are hereby requested to issue additional anticipation tax warrants against the Library tax levy for 1906 in accordance with the action of the Board June 6, 1906, and of the City Council June 18, 1906, in such amounts as shall be necessary to pay the expense bills and the Library pay rolls as they become due.

And, Whereas, Anticipation tax warrants held by the Public Library in the amount of $42,500 will soon be called in and paid by the City Treasurer,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to reinvest in similar warrants all moneys received from the City Treasurer in payment of tax warrants now in the hands of the Library Board.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Eckhart, Roulston and Novak.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Geo. H. Daugherty, thanking the Board for its courtesy in extending to him the privilege of drawing books from the Library.

Ordered to be filed.

From Formozone Hygienic Mfg. Company of America, calling the attention of the Board to its "formozone" method of purifying the air in large buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From Thor J. Benson, requesting the Board to establish a law library in, or near, the new court house now being constructed.

Director Brosseau moved that the communication be placed on file.

Carried.

From E. S. Willcox, librarian of the public library at Peoria, Ill., calling the attention of the Board to a History of Illinois Libraries, lately completed by Miss Katharine L. Sharp, of the library department of the University of Illinois, and requesting this Library to contribute toward its publication.

Director Brosseau moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Library with power to act, the contribution, if any be made, not to exceed $100.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

From Mary E. Goff, praying the Board to furnish the Francis E. Clark settlement, 2014 Archer avenue, with twenty-five or fifty books for use in the reading room at that place, to be exchanged once a month.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Colin C. H. Fyffe, asking the Board for the use of the "room for the blind" on the afternoons of Friday and Saturday, the nineteenth and twentieth of April next, for the purpose of giving a flower show in behalf of the Home for Destitute Crippled Children.

Director Cigrand moved that the Secretary be requested to confer with the Chicago Medical Society, and if there be no objection on its part, to notify ex-Director Fyffe that his request would be granted.

Carried.

From Cheney Stone, 566 E. Forty-seventh street, praying the Board to appoint him keeper of delivery station No. 13, South.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens residing in the vicinity of Evanston avenue and Melrose street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station in the store of Mrs. Kurosky in that locality.

Director Cigrand moved that the petition be filed.

Carried.

From Julius C. Greenbaum, claiming that there is still due him $12.50 as a balance of salary for January, 1904.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Amby J. Beery, fireman, praying the Board to grant him pay for seven days lost in January and February, 1907, on account of illness, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Emma Benfield, attendant in the binding department, tendering her resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Brosseau moved that the resignation of Miss Benfield be accepted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following recommendations, agreed upon by the Committee:

That the following lists of books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 84 vols., to cost $94.

A list of current English books, 29 vols., to cost $65.

A list of extra copies of juvenile books, 1,230 vols., to cost $920.

A list of books for the blind, in American braille, to cost $150.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays.—None.

Director Brosseau, also, presented a list of bills for continuations and proceedings of societies, special books, etc.,

amounting to $28.70, and moved that they be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following bills, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$899.38
H. Mischke & Son, books	30.00
H. M. Tananevicz, books	23.75
The University of Chicago Press, books	9.78
The Book Shop, books	7.75
G.E.Stechert & Co., periodicals.and books	1,131.07
Charles McDonald & Co., periodicals	86.48
Joseph Flucke, binding	346.46
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	227.43
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	150.65
The Barrett Bindery Co., binders	12.40
Peterson Linotype Co., composition, etc., bulletin 78	36.94
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	55.42
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing order slips	33.75
A. L. A. Publishing Board, periodical cards	8.93
Central Printing & Engraving Co., printing slips	4.00
Joseph F. Leaming & Co, printing posters	10.00
James Watson & Co., printing minutes	19.25
Cameron, Amberg & Co., Library cards, misc. stationery	76.90
Geo. E. Cole & Co., misc. stationery	23.57
Harry D. Kirk, paste	4.00
H. S. Parrish & Co., rubber stamps	6.80
Library Bureau, furniture	923.86
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for January, 1907	153.09
	$4,281.66

He, also, presented the Librarian's report for the month of January, 1907, and it was ordered to be printed and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, in the absence of a majority of the Committee, moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Lagorio then presented the following recommendations:

That the petition of Mrs. M. Gash Patrick, clerk in charge of Davis square reading room, asking permission to employ a substitute on the first and third Saturday evenings of each month, be granted.

That the petition of Oscar Hasling, window washer, for compensation for three days lost on account of illness, be granted.

That the petition of J. D. Barchard, automobile operator, for compensation for time lost on account of illness from November 14th to December 12th, 1906, be granted.

That in the matter of the petition of Agatha A. Wieboldt for leave of absence for two or three weeks, the Committee would recommend that she be granted a leave of absence of sixty days dating from December 27, 1906.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Delivery Stations begs leave to report back sundry petitions referred to it at former meetings of the Board and would recommend as follows:

That the following requests for the establishment of delivery stations be placed

on file on account of the nearness of the locations to stations already in operation:

Louis Weiler at 1421 Grace Street.

Wm. J. Wall at 5229 Madison Street.

A. Roth at 324 Blue Island Avenue.

Your Committee would recommend that the petition of Mrs. H. Schueller, 814 Cortez Street, be placed on file on account of the location not being a suitable one for a station.

Also, that R. C. Harlow, 574 Forty-seventh Street, be appointed keeper of delivery station No. 13 South, the former keeper of that station, having moved his store to another part of the city.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. J. CIGRAND,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
GRAHAM TAYLOR.
Committee on Delivery Stations,

Chicago, Feb. 11, 1907.

Director Brosseau moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Director Cigrand, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved:

J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	61.10
New York & New Jersey Lubricant Co., oil	15.00
The Diamond Rubber Co., rubber tire	46.73
Knox Automobile Co., repair parts for auto	87.40
American Battery Co., repairing storage batteries, type G. P.	13.40
McCord & Co., repairing lubricator	16.86
The Adapt Machinery Co., re-babbiting rods, etc	10.30
Kelley, Maus & Co., hardware	10.97
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., white waste	9.72
Wayman & Murphy, repairing autos	5.25
	$291.73

Director Cigrand moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Stern, for the Committee, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None,

Maurice Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room, 2 mos.	$ 110.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Av. reading room, 2 mos	120.00
Ernst Stock, rent, North Ave. reading room, 2 mos	120.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Av. reading room, 2 mos	130.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Av. reading room, 2 mos	150.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room, 2 mos	200.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	43.15
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., rental arc lamps	24.00
Ogden Gas Co., gas	13.70
The Manhattan Rubber Mfg. Co., rubber mat	7.20
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	889.88
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service	83.75
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	24.84
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	27.87
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
A. P. W. Paper Co., toilet supplies	8.50
Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., toweling	248.34
James Moyles, upholstering couch, etc	10.75
Chicago Bailey Co., packing	8.63
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	28.44
James H. Rice Co., turpentine, lead, etc.	25.02
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	18.89
J. J. Sherman, making cases for "home libraries"	37.00
Johnson Chair Co., chairs	180.00
Marshall Field & Co., window shades	37.50
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work,	54.60
The Cutler-Hammer Mfg. Co., regulators for speeding up fan motors	17.88

Orr & Lockett Hardware Co., door check	8 00
A. H. McGrew, lumber	5 60
Northern Picture Frame Co., framing posters	6.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash exp. for January	56.36
	$2,704.90

Director Stern called the attention of the Board to the expiration of the leases for the branch reading rooms on April 30th next, and recommended that the Secretary be authorized to renew the same, provided no increase in rental is demanded.

The recommendation was concurred in.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Taylor, in the absence of a majority of the Committee, moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Taylor then presented the report of the International Audit Company upon their examination of the books and accounts of the Public Library for the quarter ended November 30, 1906, and recommended that it be printed and filed.

Concurred in.

CHICAGO, February 4, 1907.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Gentlemen:—We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the three months ending 30th November, 1906, and submit the following statements prepared from the books:

1. Ledger balances, 30th November, 1906.
2. Statement of receipts and expenditure of Library Fund for three months ending 30th November, 1906.
3. Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditure for September, October and November, 1906.

We are pleased to state we find the books to be correctly and carefully kept.

Yours respectfully.

THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT COMPANY.

(Signed) By JOHN MCLAREN,
President.

LEDGER BALANCES—30TH NOVEMBER, 1906.

DEBITS.

Due from Comptroller	$477,054.33
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00
Tax Warrants	42,500.00
Real Estate—Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00
Cash	12,404.01
	$701.458.34

CREDITS.

Public Library Fund:		
Fund of 1879 and prior years	$23,534.44	
Library Fund	244,671.27	
Delinquent Taxes	23 126.73	
Reserve Fund for Interest	721.89	
		$292,054.33

Reserve for cost of Taxes		30,000.00	
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation		155,000.00	
W. H. Ryder Fund	$10,000.00		
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,742 41		
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000,00		
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,544.75		
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00		
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	6,838.99		
Security Deposits	966.75		
Special Deposits	100.00		
Incidental Fund	211.11		
		224,404.01	
			$701,458.34

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	September.	October.	November.
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,742.41	2,742.41	2,742.41
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,544.75	1,544.75	1,544.75
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	5,338.97	5,338.99	6,838.99
Incidental Fund	254.94	283.38	211.11
Security Deposits	875.75	920.25	966.75
Special Deposits	100.00	100.00	100.00
	$222,856.84	$222,929.78	$224,404.01
Deduct:			
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
City of Chicago Tax Warrants	42,500.00	42,500.00	42,500.00
Real Estate—Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
	$212,000.00	$212,000.00	$212,000.00
Balance	$ 10,856.84	$ 10,929.78	$ 12,404.01

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND, STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, THREE MONTHS ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund	$297,764.36
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,305.70
	$299,070.06

EXPENDITURE.

Books		$ 4,027.12	
Newspapers and Periodicals		2,442.43	
Binding		2,664.66	
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds		32.25	
Finding Lists		105.75	
Freight and Expressage		67.90	
Postage		145.00	
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous		1,139.13	
Branch Reading Rooms "		1,449.01	
Salaries:			
Main Building	$28,908.97		
Branch Reading Rooms	2,042.19		
Delivery Stations	3,301.98	34,253.14	
Miscellaneous Expense		601.50	
Printing and Stationery		563.27	
Fuel		1,776.45	
Heating and Generating Plant		477.15	
Electric Supplies and Repairs		28.92	
Repairs, Alterations, etc		1,509.91	
Elevator Supplies and Repairs		61.34	
Janitors Expense		184.94	
Furniture and Fixtures		533.67	
Insurance		19.55	
Blackstone Branch Library		1,694.25	
		$53,777.32	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants		621.47	54,398.79
Balance of Library Fund, 30th November, 1906			$244,671.27
Fund of 1879 and prior years			23,534.44
Library Fund			244,671.27
Delinquent Taxes			23,126.73
Reserve for Loss and Cost of Taxes, 1905			30.000.00
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation, 1906			155,000.00
Reserve for Accrued Interest			721.89
			$477,054.33

Cash Receipts and Expenditure, Three Months Ending 30th November, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

	September.	October.	November.
Cash Balance at close of previous months	$10,700.68	$10,856.84	$10,929.78
Comptroller for Incidental Fund	221.24	245.06	216.62
Miscellaneous Receipts	10.00	32.05	9.15

Finding Lists	39.41	56.19	57.20
Books Lost and Paid for	42.75	33.00	49.75
Deposits	185.50	234.25	246.50
Fines	618.29	683.96	646.17
Kelley Fund Income	119.17		1,500.00
Ryder Fund Income	5 96		
Beecher Fund Income	23.85		
Tax Warrants	12,500.00		
Duplicates		2.00	
	$24,466.85	$12,143.35	$13,655.17

EXPENDITURE.

Comptroller	$ 401.30	$ 465.22	$ 439.18
Deposits Repaid	154 50	189.75	200.00
Books	57.42	28.86	94.87
Newspapers and Periodicals	48 76	45.44	44.45
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds	20.75	4.50	7.00
Freight and Expressage	27.30	12.42	28.18
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	7.89	4.85	1.13
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	3.49	7.50	4.42
Blackstone Branch Library		24.30	5.90
Miscellaneous Expense	10.61	29.62	37.46
Postage	60.00	30.00	55.00
Printing and Stationery	2.65	15.71	3.50
Heating and Generating Plant	3 19	11.98	5.40
Elevator Supplies and Repairs	3.00		
Electric Supplies and Repairs			1.75
Janitor's Expense		1.44	
Pension Fund	309.15	341.98	323.09
Tax Warrants	12,500.00		
	$13,610.01	$ 1,213.57	$ 1,251.16
Cash on hand at close of months	10,856.84	10,929.78	12,404.01
	$24,466.85	$12,143.35	$13,655.17

Director Taylor, also, presented the bill of the International Audit Company, amounting to $25, for audit of the books and accounts for the second quarter, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

The Secretary reported, informally, that in the matter of the claim of Miss Minnie E. Wills, ordered referred to the Frankfort Marine Accident and Plate Glass Insurance Company on November 26th last, the company had made a satisfactory settlement.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Taylor called attention to the near completion of the Thomas Hughes

room and presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the opening of the Thomas Hughes room for young people be made an occasion of special interest alike to the public, the schools and the Library; and that a committee of three be appointed by the President to have charge of the observance of this occasion in co-operation with the Librarian; said committee being hereby authorized to expend for printing and other expenses involved a sum not exceeding one hundred ($100) dollars.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The President appointed as such committee, Directors Taylor, Brosseau and Stern, who shall co-operate with the Librarian in carrying out the purposes of the resolution.

Director Cigrand suggested that a catalog of the books for the blind on the shelves of the Library printed in raised letters so that it could be consulted by the blind themselves would be very useful, and recommended that the question of the cost of such catalog be referred to the Librarian and Secretary for investigation and report.

It was so ordered.

Director Stern stated that the West Park Board is about to open three small parks and play grounds, in congested districts of that side of the city, constructing in each a recreation building, and moved that the Committee on Delivery Stations be authorized to consult with the President of that Board with the view of having a room in said recreation buildings constructed in such manner that it will be suitable for a branch reading room of the Public Library.

Carried.

Director Taylor stated that the architect of the Board of Education is providing in his plans for new school buildings a room for a library and moved that the Committee on Delivery Stations be requested to take up with the School Board the question of closer relations between that Board and the Library with the view of extending the work of the Public Library among the public schools.

Carried.

On motion of Director Brosseau, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR JANUARY, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of January was 126,811, against 126,227 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 26 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,877.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	13,890	13,827
Books issued from stacks	37,979	37,954

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 3,066. Books consulted, 9,457.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906
Number of visitors	2,524	2,311
Volumes consulted	11,699	10,566

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 310. Bound newspapers consulted, 471. Books for the blind circulated, 110.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 11,797. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 249. Average maximum attendance per hour, 364.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	23	31	27	1,544
No. 2	15	20	17	1,217
No. 3	12	20	10	1,154
No. 4	37	59	62	889
No. 5	15	22	16	799
No. 6	34	47	41	2,086
No. 7	15	26	26	1,148
No. 8	19	33	36	346
No. 9	14	20	24	714

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 19. Average maximum attendance per hour, 44. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 4,770, of which 339 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 77,803, against 76,643 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,885, of which 1,688 were issued to males, and 1,197 to females. The registration of January, 1906, was 4,119. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 88,252.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies January 1, 1907	3,284
Number of books sent to binderies in January	2,424
Total number of books at binderies in January	5,708
Number of books received from binderies in January	1,482
Number of books at binderies January 31, 1907	4,226
Number of books repaired in Library in January	3,199

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library January 31, 1907, was 329,003. Received since June 1, 1906, 9,643; since January 1, 1907, 1,473. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 3,950; since January 1, 940. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 369; since January 1, 64. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 69; since January 1, 14.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart and Taylor.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 11, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Rev. Fred L. Baldwin, Morgan Park, Ill., requesting the Board to grant him the privilege of drawing books from the Library.

Director Roulston moved that the request of Mr. Baldwin be granted.

Carried.

From Mrs. Lysander Hill, thanking the Board for granting permission to use the "room for the blind" for an entertainment to be given for the benefit of the Home for Destitute Crippled Children on Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th next, and explaining that the entertainment to be given by the directors of said Home, to which admission is to be by the sale of tickets, would consist of a chorus of women's voices given at frequent intervals through the evening of Saturday, April 20th, and the sale of flowers at auction, or otherwise, and stating that the room would be required until eleven-thirty o'clock that evening.

Director Cigrand stated that he had made the motion at last meeting of the Board to grant the use of the "room for the blind" to the organization, represented by Mrs. Hill, under a misapprehension as to the nature of the entertainment to be given; that in view of Mrs.

Hill's letter he would move that the Secretary be instructed to inform her that the permission given for the use of said room is herewith rescinded.

The motion prevailed.

From Peterson Linotype Co., stating that on account of the increase in the cost of labor it cannot continue the making of electrotype-plates for our finding lists at its present prices, and making new proposals on the subject.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Frank L. Moore, offering to sell a "Rapid" automobile truck for $2,000 cash F. O. B., Pontiac, Michigan.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens in the vicinity of 2088 W. Sixteenth street, praying the Board to open a delivery station at that number.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From the Ashland Non-Partisan Improvement Club, the West Englewood Literary Club, the Earle School Parents' Club, and Ira C. Baker, principal of the Earle School, praying the Board to open a delivery station at 1602 W. Sixty-third street, under the care of F. W. Chapman.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. A. King, 4535 Cottage Grove avenue, requesting the Board to open a delivery station in her store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. Hanchett-Cobb, making application for the care of delivery station No. 6 South in case a change in its management is made.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Miss Agatha A. Wieboldt, clerk, requesting the Board to extend her leave of absence for one week.

Director Lagorio moved that the request of Miss Wieboldt be granted, extending her leave of absence one week from February 24th inst.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Director Cigrand called the attention of the Board to the omission in the minutes of February 11th of any mention of approval of the minutes of January 28, 1907, and moved that the minutes of that meeting be approved as recorded and printed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Cigrand presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the following books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 32 vols., to cost $35.

A list of current English books, 55 vols., to cost $100.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 136 vols., to cost $136.

And moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays.—None.

He, also, reported back the communication of Mary E. Goff, requesting books for the reading room at Francis E. Clark Settlement, and moved that the Librarian be authorized to furnish 25 or 50 books to such settlement under the same arrangements as are in force with similar organizations.

The recommendation was concurred in.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, reported back the communication of Julius C. Greenbaum, requesting the payment to himself of $12.50, claimed as balance of salary due for the month of January, 1904, and recommended that it be placed on file.

He, also, reported back the petition of A. J. Beery, asking the Board to allow him seven days' pay lost in January and February, 1907, on account of illness, and recommended that the request be granted.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, stated that it was desired to place a sign at station No. 13 South, and recommended that such sign be made upon plate glass to be suspended on the inside of the window of the station so that it can be removed to any other location in case this station should be discontinued, the cost of the sign to be nine dollars.

There being no objections, the sign was ordered procured.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs leave to report that it has given careful consideration to sundry matters brought to its attention, some of which have been referred to it by the Board, and would recommend that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for the following proposals:

1. The installation of two new electric dumb waiters, of modern type, to run between the reference room and the stack rooms.

2. The installation of three steel stacks for British patent reports in the British patent room; six double-faced steel stacks and one double-faced steel roller stack in the room off the public card catalog room; thirty-six feet of oak wall stacks, one glass door oak stack, one stack—a combination of drawers and roller shelves—double faced, one roller shelf double-faced stack, and one plain double-faced stack in the vacant art room.

3. The recovering of 12 small awnings in the court of the building and rehanging the same, together with the 8 large circular awnings on the outside of the building.

4. In the matter of the opening of two or three windows in the Thomas Hughes young people's room, your Committee would report that, after careful consideration, it would recommend instead, a trial of oscillating fans for the purpose of overcoming the extreme summer weather.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. NOVAK,
JULIUS STERN,
B. J. CIGRAND,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, Feb. 25, 1907.

Director Novak moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Director Novak, also, reported that the Committee had under consideration the question of insurance on the Library building, which expires in April next, and would recommend that policies to the amount of $450,000 be placed upon it for a period of five years upon the 50 per cent. basis; that this amount on this basis will insure the recovery of one-half the loss up to $450,000 in case of fire, and will cost $2,835.

Director Stern moved that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

The Librarian reported that the Thomas Hughes room is nearly ready for use, but that in order to properly catalog and classify the books, which are to be placed on its shelves, it would be necessary to detail certain assistants from other departments of the Library to do this work.

Director Roulston moved that the Librarian be authorized to make such transfers and requisitions for clerks to fill vacancies caused by transfers as, in his judgment, will be necessary to carry on the work.

Carried.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston and Novak.

In the absence of the Secretary the President appointed H. G. Wilson to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 25, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Rev. Geo. T. McCarthy, superintendent of St. Mary's training school for boys, thanking the Board for its gift of books to that institution.

Ordered to be filed.

From the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Cincinnati, Ohio, inviting the Board to be present at the opening of the East End Branch Library.

The communication was received and the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt thereof.

From Henry G. Bostler, 1098 Armitage avenue, praying the Board to open a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. Mary G. Gilliam, tendering her resignation as keeper of delivery station No. 22, South, and recommending Mrs. Nellie S. Campbell as a suitable person to take charge of the station, Mrs. Campbell having purchased the store.

Also, from Mrs. Nelllie S. Campbell, praying the Board to appoint her keeper of delivery station No. 22, South.

Director Cigrand moved that the resignation of Mrs. Gilliam be accepted and that Mrs. Nellie S. Campbell be appointed

keeper of delivery station No. 22, South.

Carried.

From James B. Hicks, President of the Englewood Free Reading Room, 769 W. Sixty-third street, praying the Board to open station No. 6, South, in connection with their reading room in case any change is made in the present management.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Margaret E. Howard, praying the Board to open a branch reading room and delivery station in the Ogden Park field house, corner Center avenue and Sixty-fifth street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mary A. McInerney, clerk, tendering her resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Lagorio moved that the resignation be accepted, and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a clerk at a salary of $400 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the following lists of books be purchased:

A list of current American books, 99 vols., to cost $113.

A list of current English books, 11 vols., to cost $35.

A list of miscellaneous books, 31 vols., to cost $120.75.

A list of extra copies of popular American books, 161 vols., to cost $145.

A list of extra copies of popular English books, 17 vols., to cost $20.

2. That the proposal of N. B. Barlow Printing Company to print 5,000 fiction and juvenile finding lists for the sum of $280, and 2,500 supplements for the sum of $28, be accepted, this being the lowest bid received.

Director Stern moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays.—None.

Director Stern, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$499.06
Geo. F. Cram, atlas (2)	21.00
E. Holdoway Publishing Co., books	52.25
The Boston Book Co., books	10.50
William Abbatt, books	5.50
Francisco Trentini, books	12.00
The Irving Squire Co., books	7.50
Joseph Flncke, binding	286.85
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	562.33
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	129.80
Barrett Bindery Co., binders	303.28
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	45.84
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	35.13
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing bulletin No. 78 and finding lists	194.75
J. W. Butler Paper Co., envelopes	8.00
Cameron, Amberg & Co., miscellaneous stationery	35.92
The Unger Printing Co., printing contracts and order books	70.75
James Watson & Co., printing minutes	37.45

Central Printing and Engraving Co., printing envelopes and labels	8.75
Geo. E. Cole & Co., misc. stationery	14.71
DeLang, Coles & Putnam, miscellaneous stationery	7.95
The Oliver Typewriter Co., repairing machine	20.12
Kirk's Ink Co., paste	4.80
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for February, 1907	105.09
	$6,079.33

He, also, presented the Librarian's report for the month of February, 1907, and it was ordered printed and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, for the Committee, presented a list of vacancies, appointments and changes of salary for the months of January and February, 1907, and it was ordered to be printed and filed.

Mary J. Kelly, janitress, resigned Jan. 1.

Myer Linker, page, resigned Jan. 1.

Joseph A. Schaffer, page, resigned Jan. 1.

Julius C. Greenbaum, branch reading room superintendent, resigned Jan. 10.

Emma Benfield, clerk in binding department, resigned Feb. 2.

Janitress appointed, $540 per year:
Margaret Meade, Jan. 17.

Clerk in binding department appointed, $400 per year:
Catherine Hatchell, Feb. 7.

Salary increases after promotional examination:
Arthur S. Sweeney, page at $550, promoted to be branch reading room superintendent at $900 per year, Jan. 11.
James H. Biddle, clerk at $600, promoted to be branch reading room superintendent at $900 per year, Jan. 11.

Clerk increased in salary, $400 to $600 per year:
Marie G. Patrick, Jan. 1 (on account of transfer to branch reading room).

Pages increased in salary, $350 to $400 per year:
Joseph J. Augustus, Jan. 11.
John V. Scanlan, Jan. 12.
Charles J. Beatty, Jan. 19.
William Sheridan, Jan. 22.

Pages increased in salary, $300 to $350 per year:
Oldrich F. Fisera, Feb. 10.
Harry O'Brien, Feb. 10.
Harry Burlow, Feb. 27.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Knox Automobile Company of Illinois, repair parts for autos	37.80
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	54.60
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline gas engine oil	22.73
Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., rubber tire	46.72
The Diamond Rubber Co., rubber tire	46.73
Western Roofing and Supply Co, endless belts	21.14
Samuel Harris & Co., engineers supplies	6.27
American Steel and Wire Co., rods	4.52
F. P. Smith Wire and Iron Works, brass wire cloth	4.56
Wm. D. Gibson Company, springs	4.68
Wayman & Murphy, hoisting chain, etc	4.50
	$269.25

Director Cigrand presented the following report and moved that it be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations begs leave to report that in the matter of the purchase of an additional automobile it would recommend that an order be given to the Knox Automobile Company of Illinois for one waterless automobile, to be built in accordance with the specifications in their proposal of January 9, 1907, for the sum of two thousand five hundred ($2,500) dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. J. CIGRAND,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

Chicago, March 11, 1907.

Director Cigrand, also, presented the following report, which was received and ordered placed on file.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations, to whom was referred the question of ascertaining the possibility of inducing the West Park Board to make some arrangement in their contemplated field houses to provide room and accommodation for library service, begs leave to report that it called upon Mr. Bernard Eckhart, President of the West Park Board, and after conference he assured the Committee that it might report to your honorable body that the new field houses to be erected in the great west side park system would contain rooms expressly allotted for library service under the system of the Chicago Public Library; definite understanding to be taken up later.

Respectfully submitted,
B. J. CIGRAND,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Delivery Stations,

Chicago, March 11, 1907.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Stern, for the Committee, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	43.15
The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., rental of arc lamps	12.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	679.63
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	14.91
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	25.50
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	32.04
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
A. P. W. Paper Co., toilet supplies	108.00
Sprague, Warner & Co., soap	6.75
Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., forge, tongs, etc	34.60
City Collector, City of Chicago, street car books and blanks	5.35
The E. Howard Clock Co., repair parts for electric clock dial	8.30
Crane Co., engineers supplies	8.64
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste	16.78
John F. Walsh, valve	4.20
Gallaher & Speck, making bolts	15.25
The Armour Soap Works, soap powder	9.48
McMaster-Davis Supply Co., packing	5.24
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	26.18
The Jandus Electric Co., electrical supplies	18.73
Otis Elevator Co., repair parts for elevators	45.00
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	18.60
Gibson Soap Co., soap polish	4.00

E. W. Blatchford Co., sheet lead	4.30
Wm. Dilley, brooms, mops and brushes.	28.50
H. Channon Company, mops	32.40
James H. Rice Company, enamel varnish	14.13
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	15.55
T. W. Wilmarth Co., electric fixtures	329.20
Library Bureau, cabinet, etc	148.92
Nate E. Hammar, liability and auto insurance	458.20
J. C. McFarland & Co., installing louvres in auto shed	45.00
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone branch	164.40
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service, Blackstone branch	15.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Feb., 1907	46.15
	$2,868.08

Director Stern stated that in renewing the leases of the branch reading rooms Mr. Max Kaplon, owner of the building at No. 21 Blue Island avenue, had asked an increase of ten dollars per month in the rent of the store for the ensuing year, and moved that the lease be made out for one year for the sum of $840.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Taylor, for the Committee on public opening of the Thomas Hughes room for young people, presented the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—The Special Committee on the public opening of the Thomas Hughes room for young people, report in favor of inviting the City officials, the members of the Board of Education, the teachers of the public and parochial schools, the directors and staffs of the libraries and museums, the Chicago Library Club, the representatives of the press, and other interested citizens to inspect the room and its equipment on Saturday, March 30, 1907, between the hours of 10 a. m, and 5 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
JULIUS STERN,

Special Committee on Public Opening of Thomas Hughes Room for Young People.

Chicago, March 11, 1907.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR FEBRUARY, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of February was 113,156, against 116,407 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 22 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 5,144.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	13,222	12,509
Books issued from stacks	36,518	33,129

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,731. Books consulted, 8,280.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906
Number of visitors	2,190	2,228
Volumes consulted	10,046	10,183

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 291. Bound newspapers consulted, 404. Books for the blind circulated, 107.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 10,490. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 252. Average maximum attendance per hour, 385.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	26	33	31	1,369
No. 2	13	18	16	1,063
No. 3	12	21	10	976
No. 4	34	53	60	823
No. 5	16	25	16	752
No. 6	32	47	44	1,844
No. 7	14	22	26	898
No. 8	22	32	38	252
No. 9	13	18	20	525

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 19. Average maximum attendance per hour, 44. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 4,411, of which 326 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 70 delivery stations was 69,401, against 71,849 from 71 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,496, of which 1,424 were issued to males, and 1,072 to females. The registration of February, 1906, was 4,234. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 90,531.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies February 1, 1907	4,226
Number of books sent to binderies in February	1,873
Total number of books at binderies in February	6,099
Number of books received from binderies in February	2,415
Number of books at binderies February 28, 1907	3,684
Number of books repaired in Library in February	3,618

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library February 28, 1907, was 332,756. Received since June 1, 1906, 14,272; since February 1, 1907, 4,629. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 4,785; since February 1, 836. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 420; since February 1, 51. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 80; since February 1, 11.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, March 11, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present when the Board was called to order, the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Eckhart and Taylor.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Roulston, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 11, 1907, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received:

From Alfred L. Baker, vice-president of the Municipal Museum of Chicago, thanking the Board, on behalf of the directors of the Municipal Museum, for the use of the rooms in the Library building and announcing that the Museum will vacate the room now reserved for its use on, or before, May 1, 1907.

Moved and seconded that the communication be received and be placed on file.

Carried.

From Rev. James R. Stead, Morgan Park, Ill., praying the Board to grant him a Library card.

Director Brosseau moved that the request be granted.

Carried.

From citizens residing in the vicinity of Center avenue and Sixty-fifth street, praying the Board to establish a branch reading room and delivery station in the field house at Ogden Park.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From C. F. Miller, praying the Board to appoint him keeper of delivery station No. 17 West, in case a change is made in the present management.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From J. W. Dutton, asking the Board to establish a delivery station in his store, Sixty-ninth street, near Parnell avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Frank Kellner, making application for a delivery station to be located in his store near Sixty-third street and Ashland avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From L. Knob, tendering his resignation as keeper of delivery station No. 7 North, and recommending Mr. C. A. Gehrke, who has purchased his store, as his successor.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From C. A. Gehrke, 4810 N. Clark st., praying the Board to appoint him keeper of delivery station No. 7 North.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Rev. Thos. J. Everett and other citizens of East Chicago, Indiana, praying the Board to extend to the citizens of that city the privilege of drawing books from the Library.

Director Brosseau moved that the petition be not granted for the reason that the petitioners reside outside of the State of Illinois.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the following books be ordered purchased.

A list of current American books, 52 vols., estimated to cost $60.

A list of current English books, 44 vols., estimated to cost $62.

A list of miscellaneous books, 60 vols., estimated to cost $154.19.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

He, also, presented a list of miscellaneous bills for continuations, special books, etc., amounting to $30.24, to be paid from the incidental fund, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations begs leave to report back various petitions referred to it and recommends the following:

1. That the petitions of Henry J. Bostler, 1908 Armitage avenue, and Mrs. A. King, 4535 Cottage Grove avenue, for delivery stations be filed on account of their nearness to stations already established.

2. That the petition of Cheney Stone, asking to be appointed keeper of delivery station No. 13 South be filed, the station having already been transferred to another person.

3. That the petition for a delivery station at 2088 W. Sixteenth street under the care of John Bijola be filed, the location not being suitable for a station.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. J. CIGRAND,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

Chicago, March 25, 1907.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following report and moved that it be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs leave to report on the following matters and would recommend:

1. That a contract be awarded to George B. Carpenter & Co. for hanging and recovering 12 awning frames with standard duplex V blue and white strip eight-ounce duck, and hanging 9 other awnings at the Library building for the sum of $174.00.

2. That the Secretary be authorized to advertise for proposals for supplying coal to the Library for the year beginning June 1, 1907.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. NOVAK,
B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, March 25, 1907.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Stern called the attention of the Board to a bill now before the Legislature establishing a State Library Commission, and offered the following resolutions and moved their adoption.

Carried.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library hereby endorses the principles and provisions of House Bill No. 207, entitled: "A bill for an act to create the Illinois Department of Libraries, to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries, and to provide for the establishment, care and maintenance of free traveling libraries," and urges the passage of said bill.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be, and he is hereby, instructed to transmit to the President of the Senate, and to the Speaker of the House, of the present General Assembly, and to the proper committees thereof, a duly authenticated copy of these resolutions.

Carried.

On motion of Director Brosseau, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Secretary pro tem.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present when the Board was called to order the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston and Novak.

Absent—Directors Brosseau, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 25, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From J. F. McGuire proposing to sprinkle the streets and court on the four sides of the Library building from May 1 to November 1, 1907, for the sum of $30 per month.

Director Novak moved that the proposal of Mr. McGuire be accepted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak and the President—5.

Nays—None.

From Simon Popper, keeper of delivery station No. 26 West, notifying the Board of the sale of his store to W. E. Murphy, and from W. E. Murphy requesting that the Library station be left at its present location, 2511 W. Lake street, under his charge.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Elizabeth A. Young, assistant librarian, praying the Board to continue her leave of absence from the Library for an additional period of six months, ending Sept. 14 next.

Director Eckhart moved that the petition of Miss Young be granted.

Carried.

From Cosmo Pacente, laborer, praying the Board to grant him compensation for time lost on account of personal illness from March 26 to April 8, 1906, a physician's certificate accompanying the petition.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From sundry employés asking an increase in salary.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

Director Taylor entered the room and took his seat.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Cigrand, in the absence of a majority of the Committee, moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board,

Carried.

Director Cigrand then presented the following bills and moved that they be approved and be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and the President—6.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$4,530.09
International Textbook Co., books	270.00
Dodd, Mead & Co., books	188.00
Wm. F. Hild, books	140.00
Bruno Hessling Co., books	57.00
The W. H. Wilson Co., books	24.00
Smithsonian Institution, books	17.40
McDevitt-Wilson, books	15.10
Lyon & Healy, books	14.19
Rand, McNally & Co., books	10.50
Secretary of the Commonwealth, books	10.00
The Book Shop, books	9.00
Francis J. Meeker, books	8.00
Otto Harrassowitz, books, marks 1538.60 (est.)	369.26
Ernst Wasmuth, books, marks 241.60 (est.)	57.98
Em. Terquem, books, francs 294.95 (est.)	58.84
B. F. Stevens & Brown, periodicals and books, £294/6/4 (est,)	1,841.14
Matthew Bell & Co., books and binding, £17/6/6 (est.)	84.55
Joseph Flucke, binding	353.43
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	532.58
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	166.75
Gane Brothers & Co., paper	21.00
Barrett Bindery Co., binders	8.65
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	42.22
Peterson Linotype Co., composition on finding lists	119.61
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	443.34
A. L. A. Publishing Board, cards	11.30
Geo. K. Hazlitt & Co., printing annual report	163.46
M. A. Fountain & Co., leaflets	21.50
James Watson & Co., printing	26.45
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing	44.75
W. J. Williams & Co., rubber bands	4.20
Edwards & Hancock, carbon paper	12.00
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	17.94
Robt. S. Leete & Co., stationery	24.23
The Hammond Typewriter Co., shields and ribbons	5.75
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	11.05
Library Bureau, book supports, shelf labels, etc	34.34
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriting machine	92.25
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for March, 1907	148.51
	$9,810.36

Director Cigrand, also, presented the following lists of books:

A list of current American books, 88 vols., to cost $100.

A list of current English books, 14 vols., to cost $33.

A list of miscellaneous books, of which extra copies are required, 26 vols., to cost $35.

Director Cigrand moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Cigrand presented a list of miscellaneous bills for continuations, reports of societies, special books, etc., amounting to $49.30, and moved that the bills be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Also, miscellaneous bills for books for Bessemer Park reading room, Dodd, Mead & Co , $94.00, and A. C. McClurg & Co., $962.89, to be paid from the Kelly interest fund, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and the President—6.

Nays—None,

Also, bills of B. F. Stevens & Brown, of London, £71/15/0 (est.) $350.00, and a bill of Otto Harrassowitz, of Leipsic, M. 2745 (est.) $659.00, for miscellaneous art and other books and moved that the bills be ordered paid from the Ryder interest fund.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Cigrand stated that the Librarian-in-charge at the Blackstone branch library was anxious to increase the interest of the children of the neighborhood in the use of that library and to that end wished to organize a children's library league, and called upon the Secretary to state the nature of this league, the results aimed at and the methods to be employed. The Secretary stated that the Librarian-in-charge of the Blackstone branch desired through the co-operation of the teachers in the public schools of that vicinity to enroll the children as members of this league, and as such members they will promise not to handle any library book roughly, carelessly or with dirty hands, and not to mark it, turn down leaves or injure it in any way and to be quiet and orderly when in or about the library. Also, that the plan of the league contemplated a public meeting of its members at which an entertainment would be given consisting of the Public Library stereopticon lecture and the further entertainment of the children by some one skilled in story-telling; that in furtherance of this object, in order to strengthen the bond of fellowship among its members, it is proposed to provide each member of the league with a small silver-plated badge, the design of which is an open book with the inscription, "Blackstone Library League;" that the estimated cost of the stereopticon lecture, the story hour and one thousand silver-plated badges is $45.

Director Taylor moved that $50 be appropriated for the purpose of perfecting the organization of this children's league and for the expense connected with the initial opening thereof as has been set forth.

The motion prevailed.

Director Cigrand presented the report

of the Librarian for March, 1907, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and the President—6.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing auto	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	52.50
Hartford Rubber Works Co., rubber tire	68.88
The Adapt Machinery Co., babbitting and boring connecting rods	8.60
Tuthill Spring Co., repairing auto springs	15 50
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., wipers	4 03
Samuel Harris & Co., engineers' supplies	15 75
Kelley, Maus & Co., hardware	3.89
Wayman & Murphy, repair parts for autos	4.00
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, repairing trunks	35.00
John J. McGrath, delivery station sign	9.00
	$231.15

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, stated that the contract with the Chicago Telephone Company for the house telephones in the Library building expired on the first of April inst., and that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was of the opinion that some additional concession may be obtained from that company covering the contracts for outside phones and the trunk line in connection with a renewal of this contract and moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for investigation and report.

Carried.

Director Novak presented a list of insurance companies in which the Committee proposed to place the insurance on the Library building, but stated that with the view of obtaining a lower rate of insurance than was offered three years ago one of the insurance firms endeavored to obtain the consent of enough companies at a rate of 12 cents instead of 15 cents, the old rate, to cover the amount of insurance agreed upon; that most of the strong companies had declined to write insurance for 12 cents and in consequence that firm had placed on its list a number of small companies which the Committee could not approve of. He, therefore, asked for instructions from the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be empowered to place insurance to the amount of $450,000 on the Library building in the companies composing the list agreed upon by the Committee.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Novak presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	60.00

Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75 00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	37.51
The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	16.90
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	1,580.18
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	35.43
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	17.91
Lubiner & Trins, ferns	6 00
A. Henrotin Co., soap	31.50
Sprague, Warner & Co., soap	6.75
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	4.45
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	27.21
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	11.25
Gallaher & Speck, repairing valves, etc.	7.48
McMaster-Davis Supply Co., packing, etc.	12.16
Economy Oil & Compound Co., paint	7.70
Crane Co., engineers supplies	4.62
L. Katzenstein & Co., metal rings for piston rods	27.00
Western Electric Co., armatures and fans for fan motors	24 75
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	18.50
The Cudahy Packing Co., white borax naptha soap	5.70
M. H. Fairchild & Bro., soap powder	4.00
The James H. Rice Co., white shellac, etc.	4.35
Eliel & Loeb, insurance	43.40
Tyler & Hippach, plate glass light	86.80
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	111.15
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone Library	109.20
Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., frames	10.08
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for March, 1907	19.52
	$2,695.45

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, reported, informally, that the Council had appropriated for the maintenance of the Library for the year 1907, the amount asked by the Board, $475,000; that in the matter of the money due the Library fund from the city, the Council Finance Committee gave its solemn promise that next year it would give to the Library Board the $23,534.44 transferred from the Library fund to the general fund in 1880.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

The Librarian reported that the Thomas Hughes room for young people was opened for inspection on Saturday, March 30th, ult., to which had been invited the ex-members of the Library Board, the members of the Board of Education, the teachers of the public and parochial schools, city and county officers and others interested in educational matters; that many of these accepted the invitation and were present; the attendance on that day being very satisfactory.

On motion of Director Novak, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR MARCH, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of March was 127,598, against 140,634 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 26 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,908.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	13,964	14,729
Books issued from stacks	38,558	39,083

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,927. Books consulted, 8,915.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,449	2,445
Volumes consulted	11,294	11,150

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 427. Bound newspapers consulted, 797. Books for the blind circulated, 115.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 11,188. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 231. Average maximum attendance per hour, 351.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	21	33	27	1,563
No. 2	10	13	13	1,261
No. 3	13	27	14	1,090
No. 4	26	38	44	878
No. 5	12	17	13	846
No. 6	29	40	47	2,220
No. 7	15	23	35	1,020
No. 8	16	22	32	308
No. 9	12	16	24	681

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 16. Average maximum attendance per hour, 44. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 5,114, of which 307 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 71 delivery stations was 79,429, against 87,644 from 72 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,814, of which 1,519 were issued to males, and 1,295 to females. The registration of March, 1906, was 5,268. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 92,452.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies March 1, 1907	3,684
Number of books sent to binderies in March	2,864
Total number of books at binderies in March	6,548
Number of books received from binderies in March	2,353
Number of books at binderies March 31, 1907	4,195
Number of books repaired in Library in March	4,083

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library March 31, 1907, was 338,665. Received since June 1, 1906, 21,446; since March 1, 1907, 7,094. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 5,930; since March 1, 1,144. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 461; since March 1, 41. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 92; since March 1, 12.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, April 8, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Stern.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 8, 1907, be approved, as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From W. W. Hallam, corresponding secretary of the Chicago Society of Social Hygiene, requesting the use of the room for the blind for a public meeting of that society on Tuesday, May 7, 1907, from eight to ten o'clock p. m.

Also, requesting the use of that room on Saturday afternoons in July and August between the hours of one and three o'clock p. m. for lectures to be given, under the auspices of Chicago Woman's Club, to working girls and business women.

Director Taylor moved that the request of the Chicago Society of Social Hygiene be granted for the purposes and times set forth in the petition.

Carried.

From Rev. Thomas Stephenson, LaGrange, Ill., asking the Board to grant him the privileges of the Library.

Director Brosseau moved that the request of Mr. Stephenson be granted.

Carried.

From F. P. Lloyd, Thirty-fifth street and Archer avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From H. F. Kling, principal of the May school, accompanied by a petition of

citizens, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at 505 S. Forty-eighth avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Prof. Samuel R. Meck, principal of the Bismarck school, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at the Grove Book Store, Central Park and Armitage Aves.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From James J. Linehan, chief janitor, submitting a bill of $25 for a surgical operation on account of a wound received in the basement of the Library while in the discharge of his duty and calling the attention of the Board to the cause of this accident and recommending an investigation with a view of preventing a recurrence of the same.

Director Eckhart moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Carried.

From John Guthrie, fireman, praying the Board to grant him five days pay for loss of time on account of illness in the current month.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books agreed upon by the Committee:

A list of current American books, 56 vols., to cost $75.

A list of English books, 11 vols., to cost $35.

A list of books for the Thomas Hughes room, 62 vols., to cost $60.

Director Brosseau moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau, also, presented a list of bills for continuations, society publications, etc., amounting to $6.83, and moved that they be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, presented a bill for the continuation of the Library's subscription to the printed catalog cards and proof sheets furnished by the Librarian of Congress, amounting to $150.

Director Cigrand moved that the bill be allowed and that $150 be deposited with the Librarian of Congress.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Also, the bill of S. Librescu, amounting to $103.77, for Yiddish books, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau stated that in order to display on open shelves the latest popular books the Librarian desired authority to procure some bulletin-boards

and book-racks, estimated to cost $140, and moved that the authority be granted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Eckhart moved that consideration of the business in the hands of this Committee be postponed temporarily.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:—

1. That the petitions for a branch reading room and delivery station in Ogden Park be held in abeyance, the Committee believing that the Board should open some branch reading rooms on the north and west sides of the city before any further steps are taken in this direction on the south side.

2. That the resignation of Simon Popper as keeper of station No. 26 West, be accepted, and that W. E. Murphy, his successor in ownership of the store, be appointed keeper instead.

3. That the resignation of L. Knob as keeper of station No. 7 North, be accepted, and that C. A. Gehrke, his successor in ownership of the store, be appointed keeper in his stead.

4. That the communications from James B. Hicks and Mrs. Hanchett-Cobb, asking that station No. 6 South, be transferred to their stores be filed, as there is no change contemplated in the management of this station.

5. That the request of C. F. Miller, for the care of station No. 17 West, be filed, as there is no change contemplated in the management of this station.

6. That the communication of J. W. Dutton for a station at his store, Sixty-ninth street, near Parnell avenue, be filed on account of its proximity to a station already established.

7. That station No. 5 North, located at 1723 Lincoln avenue, in charge of Lily Lundvall, be transferred to 357 Irving Park Boulevard, under the care of W. H. Stoffregen.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, stated that the Committee had had under consideration the contract between the Chicago Telephone Company and the Library for the house telephones, the contract having expired on April 1st, and recommended on behalf of the Committee that the Secretary be requested to advertise for bids for the installation of 22 house telephones to be connected by a switchboard in the telephone exchange room, and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Novak, also, stated that in reply to a communication asking whether or not the registers for the discharge of heated air into the rooms of the Blackstone branch library can be changed from the walls to the floors of the rooms, the L. H. Prentice Company, which installed the heating plant of that building, stated that such change can be made, but at great expense; and suggested that the blackening of the walls and ceilings over

these registers can be largely avoided by the installation of a suitably designed hood, which will divert the currents of air from the walls.

By consent, the question of providing hoods for the Blackstone branch was referred to Director Brosseau.

Director Novak, also, presented a bill of $20.00 for inspecting the ten elevators in the Library building, dated March 1, 1907.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, presented the following resolution, and moved its adoption.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Whereas, In order to provide funds for the prompt payment of the Public Library pay rolls and miscellaneous expenses it will be necessary to sell anticipation warrants against the Library tax levy of 1907, therefore

Resolved, That the City Council be and it is hereby requested to authorize His Honor the Mayor and the City Controller to issue warrants against and in anticipation of the taxes levied by the City of Chicago for the Public Library tax for the year 1907 as shall be needed to meet salaries and current expenses to an amount not exceeding 75 per centum of the total tax levy for Library purposes for said year, and to attach to such warrants interest coupons for interest thereon at a rate not exceeding 5 per centum per annum, payable only out of the taxes against which said warrants shall be drawn when collected.

On motion of Director Roulston the Board went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The President appointed Director Cigrand to act as secretary.

The President having called for a report of the Committee on Administration upon the salaries for the year beginning May 1, 1907, Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the following:

To the President and Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration, having given consideration to various matters under its supervision, begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That the petition of Cosmo Pacente, a laborer, for pay for time lost through illness, from March 22 to April 8, 1907, be granted.

2. That Oldrich F. Fisera, a page, be transferred from the day to the evening service at a salary of $400 per year, to fill an evening vacancy standing since the resignation of Myer Linker.

3. That Mrs. Mary E. Rae, clerk in charge of the Hamilton Park reading room, be transferred to the reference department of the main Library at a salary of $720 per year.

4. That a requisition be made on the Civil Service Commission for one clerk at a salary of $600 per year, to take charge of the Hamilton Park reading room, *vice* Mrs. Rae, transferred.

5. That a requisition be made on the Civil Service Commission for one clerk at a salary of $600 per year, to take charge of the reading room to be opened in the field house at Bessemer Park.

6. That the appended roster of employés, with their positions and salaries, be adopted by the Board, to take effect May 1, 1907.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. ROULSTON,
A. LAGORIO,
JOHN W. ECKHART,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago, April 22, 1907.

The roster of employés with their salaries is as follows:

Roster of Employés with Positions and Salaries.

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1907–8.
Librarian's Office:			
Frederick H. Hild	8-4-74	Librarian	$5500
Ordering Department:			
Carl B. Roden	9-25-86	Superintendent	1700
Henrietta Lovi	3-12-92	Stenographer and Clerk	1300
Nellie L. Kennedy	5-16-04	Clerk	600
Secretary's Office:			
W. B. Wickersham	7-20-72	Secretary	3750
Henry G. Wilson	10-22-87	Clerk	1600
Minnie E. Wills	4-16-95	Stenographer	1000
James W. McGovern	10-4-05	Page	450
Cataloguing Department:			
E. F. L. Gauss	2-12-87	First Assistant Librarian	2500
Kate M. Henneberry	12-18-75	Assistant Librarian	1400
Elizabeth A. Young	12-29-75	" "	1300
John F. Phelan	12-11-80	Cataloguer	1500
Bessie Goldberg	4-14-94	Clerk	1000
Amelia M. Platt	11-27 86	"	900
Emily E. Taylor	4-14-94	"	900
Anna Riordan	2-14-91	"	850
Anna J. Ferguson	11-19-97	"	800
Lucy E. Brown	10-14-01(02) 11-1-03	"	600
Mary A. Wilson	12-27-04	"	550
Gladys Arnold	3-19-06	"	500
Gerald Gearon	7-2-06	Office Boy	312
Circulating Department:			
B. M. Smith	10-22-87	Superintendent	1600
Ottilie Goldberger	10-14-82	Clerk	1000
May I. Carroll	6-24-84	"	1000
Amanda Diehl	2-12-87	"	800
Jessie B. Perry	1-14-88	"	800
George S. King	8-24-95	"	800

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1907–08.
Mary Ryan	5-27-01(02) 11-1-03	Clerk	550
Anna A. O'Brien	6-6-04	"	550
Katharine A. Schulte	2-9-05	"	550
Mary W Morris	2-16-04	"	500
Margaret C. O'Shaughnessy	3-6-05	"	500
Etta Meserow	7-24-05	"	500
Jessie M. Woodford	12-19-05	"	500
Maude H. T. Freeman	12 26-05	"	450
Pearl I. Field	6-12-06	"	400
Florence W. Arnold	6-14-06	"	400
Edith E. Graham	6-18-06	"	400
Agatha A. Wieboldt	6-18-06	"	400
Ada M. Lanquist	7-16 06	"	400
Elizabeth Barnes	10-22-06	"	400
Minnie S. Clark	1-30-07	"	400
Irene Ives	2-4-07	"	400
Daisy E. Henry	2-27-07	" (Substitute)	400
Nellie Stacy	3-25-07	" "	400
William Sheridan	1-22-06	Page	400
Harry Burlow	8-27-06	"	350
Charles Macko	9-27-06	"	300
Joseph Rosenberg	3-6-07	"	300
Raymond Dwyer	3-7-07	"	300
James E. Edwards	3-7-07	"	300
7 Pages		"	each 300
Registry Department:			
Lilyan G. Morawski	4-8-80	Superintendent	1400
Katharine Donovan	5-25-89	Clerk	800
Nellie E. Doran	2-14-91	"	700
Loretto M. Crowe	2-11-02(02) 11-5-03	"	550
Reference Department:			
Carrie L. Elliott	2-12-81	Superintendent	1500
Charles A. Larson	4-11-91	Clerk	1200
Frank E Waska	12-27-84	"	1100
Margaret Kearney	2-8-79	"	850
Anna C. Reque	5-17 99	"	750
Mary E. Rae	5-12-00(02) 3-9-03	"	720
Paul Lemke	12-12-04	Page	550

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1907-08.
Ladislav Budil	8-24-05	Page	450
John F. James	4-11-06	"	350
Charles F. Zak	10-22-06	"	350
Reading Room:			
Reidar Arentz	6-28 84	Superintendent	1500
Frank Schmidt	4-11-91	Clerk	800
Charles L. Green	1-21-04	Page	600
Patent Department:			
Charles R. Barnes	3-24-88	Superintendent	1100
Edward Henwood	4-11-91	Clerk	800
Binding Department:			
J. Ritchie Patterson	10-14 82	Superintendent	1500
Mary M. Hishen	1-14-88	Clerk	900
Margaret Crain	9-28-89	"	800
Agnes Donoghue	4 14-94	"	650
Mamie Neylen	5-22-05	"	450
Catherine Hatchell	2-7-07	"	400
Delivery Stations Department:			
William A. Purer	11-26-79	Superintendent	1900
Otto Goldberger	6-28-84	Clerk	1200
Emanuel Holy	4-12-90	"	1000
John Toman	10-25-90	"	850
Christian Sonne	4-23-92	"	850
George F. Bell	4-14-94	"	800
Elie Hudon	8-9-95	"	700
Ida B. Johnson	1-22-98	"	700
John Gawron	1-20-03	Page	600
Louis S. Dautel	8-24-04	"	600
William J. Soper	1-23-03	"	550
Joseph Rzepinski	1-13-04(05) 10-13-05	"	500
Christopher T. Rooney	6-13-04	"	500
Charles A. Egan	2-6-05	"	450
Charles J. Beatty	1-19-06	"	450
DeWitt C. Porges	11 25-04	"	400
John F. Halpin	12-12-04	"	400
Joseph J. Augustus	1-11-06	"	400
John V. Scanlan	1-12-06	"	400
Henry Schaefer	2-2-06	"	350
Ralph Kennedy	3-6-06	"	350

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1907–08.
Harry O'Brien	6-11-06	Page	350
Bernard Britt	9-5-06	"	350
Harry J. Wahlberg	10-30-06	"	300
Charles Cohen	11-5-06	"	300
Edwin H. Feltman	11-19-06	"	300
Harold Hellgren	12-3-06	"	300
Mathias Benner	1-14-07	"	300
1 Page		"	300
Telephone Operator:			
Rebecca M. Burke	10-27-97	Telephone Operator	600
Evening, Sunday and Holiday Service:			
Charles Lhotka	4-13-83	Superintendent	1300
Abraham Oberman	1-25-04	Page	500
William Renner	2-18-03	"	400
George Manosevitch	6-23-05	"	400
Oldrich F. Fisera	8-10-06	"	400
1 Page		"	400
Blackstone Memorial Branch Library:			
Mary W. Wood	12-26-96	Librarian-in-charge	1000
Anna W. Thayer	11-12-03	Clerk	550
George A. Thompson	7-25-98	Page	500
Thomas P. Conry	2-20-04	Engineer-Janitor	1000
Branch Reading Rooms:			
Samuel Rogalski	11-9-89	Superintendent, Milwaukee Av.	900
James H. Biddle	11-15-97 (99) 2-17-04	Superintendent, State St.	900
Christian A. Lange	2-14-91	Superintendent, North Av.	900
Arthur S. Sweeney	7-13 97	Superintendent, Ashland Av.	900
John A. Young	6-27-91	Superintendent, Blue Island Av.	900
James C. Barbee	1-12 89	Superintendent, Madison St.	1200
Mathilda S. Nodek	7-10-99	Clerk, Madison St.	300
1 Clerk-in-charge		Clerk-in-charge, Hamilton Park	600
Marie G. Patrick	6-19-05	Clerk-in-charge, Davis Square	600
Augusta G. Kessell	5-14-00 (02) 3-11-03	Clerk-in-charge. Armour Square	600
1 Clerk-in-charge		Clerk-in-charge, Bessemer Park	600
Janitor's Department:			
Janitors:			
James J. Linehan	9-1-97	Chief Janitor	1600
Newton S. Purviance	5-15-81	Janitor	800

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1907-08.
Frank Bergman	9-3-98	Janitor	900
Emil Schoenbacher	6-19-86	"	750
James C. King	8-24-95	"	850
James F. Horan	4-26-98 (02) 7-20-03	Marble Cleaner	850
Alessander Farroli	9-23 03	" "	650
Oscar Hasling	10-2-05	Window Washer	650
Charles L. Viane	11-22-06	" "	650
John C. Carlson	11 23 06	" "	600
Martin Schnee	2-7-99 (02) 6-20-04	Wood Finisher	650
John A. Johnson	12-16-98	Janitor	650
John Christian	3-31-99	"	650
William McDearmed	8-22-00	"	600
William P. Shanley	8-22-00	"	600
William J. Beck	4-15-03	"	600
Joseph A. Gadwood	8-1-03	"	600
Janitresses:			
Annie Marzi	10-5-97	Janitress	560
Catherine Murray	10-14-97	"	560
Ellen McDonald	10-16 97	"	560
Kittie Farrell	9-12 06	"	560
Josephena Anderson	9-22-06	"	560
Margaret Meade	1-17-07	"	560
Watchmen:			
Christian Ullrich	5-27-93	Watchman	1000
Aaron S. Einstein	9-8-88	"	900
Elevator Operators:			
John I. Byrne	10-22-97	Elevator Operator	700
Abraham L. Harris	11-10-97	" "	650
Charles F. Jackson	11-3-03	" "	650
John R. Buster	8-10-04	" "	650
Frederick C. Ferguson	11-3 06	" "	600
Engineers' Department:			
Engineers:			
Jacob Reitz	1-25-97	Chief Engineer	2300
Charles I. Moulton	2-2-97	First Assistant Engineer	1600
Ernest A. Hart	8-16-97	Second Assistant Engineer	1500
Robert G. Allison	4-19-98	Assistant Engineer	1400
Peter G. Ledeboer	1-14-01 (02) 11-9-03	" "	1300
Henry Misostow	2-25 06	" "	1200

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1907-08
Firemen:			
Amby J. Beery	11-26-97	Fireman	900
John Guthrie	5-9-98	"	900
John Stretch	2-28-06	"	900
Oilers:			
Thomas Guthrie	10-4-97	Oiler	900
Thomas Davis	4-12-98	"	900
Coal Passers:			
John Clarke	10-13 99	Coal Passer	750
John Murray	7-7-03	" "	750
Laborer:			
Cosmo Pacente	6 20-04	Laborer	650
Automobile Operators:			
Delivery-Service:			
Frederick C. Lutter	7-1-02	Automobile Operator	900
George A. Wiborg	5-1-02	" "	900
John D. Barchard	4-6-04	" "	900

Director Roulston moved that the report of the Committee, including the roster of employés fixing their salaries, be adopted by the Board, and that it be printed in the minutes.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Cigrand moved that Fred'k H. Hild be elected Librarian for the ensuing year at a salary of $5,500 per annum, and that E. F. L. Gauss be elected 1st assistant Librarian for the ensuing year at a salary of $2,500 per annum.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Roulston the Board resumed open session.

The secretary of the executive session reported the adoption of the report of the Committee on Administration, and moved that this action be made the action of the Board.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MAY 13, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Novak, Taylor and Stern.

In the absence of the Secretary, the President appointed H. G. Wilson to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 22, 1907, be approved, as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Miss Fannie Jacobsen, requesting the Board to relieve her from payment for a Library book, F 2876-l, which was destroyed in a fire at the Giles building, 302 Wabash avenue, April 22, 1907.

Moved and seconded that the request of Miss Jacobsen be granted.

Carried.

From W. H. Neil, asking the Board for payment for a collie dog which was run over and killed by a Library automobile.

Director Eckhart moved that the communication be filed.

Carried.

From Frankfort Marine Accident and Plate Glass Insurance Company in reference to the injuries sustained by Mr. J. J. Linehan.

Referred to the Secretary.

From John Heron in reference to the establishment of a branch reading room in the vicinity of 26th street and Cottage Grove avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From the Chicago Telephone Com-

pany, making a proposition to extend the telephone service in the Public Library building for a period of three months under the same conditions as in their contract expiring April 1st last.

It was moved and seconded that the proposition be accepted for a period of three months from April 1, 1907.

Carried.

From Anna B. Manlove, keeper of delivery station No. 3 South, in reference to the pay for delivery station keepers.

Ordered to be filed.

From Margaret Kearney, clerk, praying the Board to grant her a leave of absence for ninety days to date from March 22, 1907, on account of illness.

It was moved and seconded that the petition be granted.

Carried.

From Minnie E. Wills, stenographer, praying the Board to grant her pay for four days lost on account of illness during April and May, 1907, a physician's certificate accompanying the petition.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Mrs. Catherine Murray and Mrs. Kittie Farrell, janitresses, praying the Board for compensation for time lost during April and May, 1907, on account of illness, physicians' certificates accompanying the petitions.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From sundry employés of the Board in reference to their salaries.

Ordered to be filed.

From Harry O'Brien and Wm. J. Soper, pages, tendering their resignations as employés of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignations be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for two pages at a salary of $300 per annum each to fill the vacancies.

Carried.

Also, the following communication from Miss Elizabeth A. Young, Assistant Librarian:

"Chicago, May 10. 1907.

"*To the Honorable Board of Directors,*
"*Chicago Public Library.*

"*Gentlemen:*—Unable to recover my health, I herewith present my resignation as an employé of the Chicago Public Library.

"To your honorable body I desire to offer my sincere thanks for the kindly consideration you have at all times extended to me.

"Very respectfully,
"ELIZABETH A. YOUNG."

Director Brosseau moved that the resignation of Miss Young be accepted.

Carried.

Director Eckhart presented the following resolution and moved that it be spread upon the records.

Carried.

The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library learns with deep regret of the retirement of Miss Elizabeth A. Young, Assistant Librarian, on account of continued ill health.

The Board in accepting her resignation desires to express its appreciation of her faithfulness and valuable services to the Chicago Public Library during the thirty-two years that she has been in its employ.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Board as a

tribute to her life's work in the Chicago Public Library, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to Miss Young.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books, agreed upon by the Committee:

A list of current American books, 92 vols., estimated to cost $100.

A list of current English books, 20 vols., estimated to cost $50.

A list of miscellaneous books, 105 vols., estimated to cost $75.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch library, 474 vols., estimated to cost $477.

Director Brosseau moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau, also, presented a list of bills for continuations, society publications and periodicals, amounting to $49.07, and moved that they be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$ 898.68
The MacArthur Co., books	13.50
Miles O'Sherrill, books	6.00
State Library, Atlanta, Ga., books	12.15
Morton Memorial Volume, book	8.50
American Printing House for the Blind, books	149.20
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	42.22
Joseph Flucke, binding	469.44
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	396.38
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	223.82
Kirk's Ink Co., paste	4.80
Peterson Linotype Co., composition on bulletin No. 79 and finding list	315.50
Wallior Ink Works, ink	6.00
Riddle & Wunderle Co., stationery	27.75
Geo. E. Cole & Co., printing and stationery	20.85
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	17 25
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing	87.50
James Watson & Co., printing	19.25
Unger Printing Co., letterheads	20.00
Central Printing & Engraving Co., printing	24 00
Joseph F. Leaming & Co., printing	9.25
The Paper Mills' Co., envelopes	17.67
The Hammond Typewriter Co., ribbons	11.25
Underwood Typewriter Co., ribbons	4.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for April, 1907	191.96
	$2,996.42

Director Brosseau, also, presented the report of the Librarian for April, 1907, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the following report of the Committee, and moved that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, The Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration begs leave to recommend that Joseph J. Augustus, a page, be transferred from the day to the evening service, at a salary of $400 per year, to fill a vacancy standing since the resignation of Joseph Shaffer.

Your Committee would, also, recom-

mend that the petition of John Guthrie, a fireman, asking for pay for five days lost on account of illness, be filed.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. ROULSTON,
A. LAGORIO,
JOHN W. ECKHART,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago, May 13, 1907.

Director Roulston, also, presented a list of vacancies, appointments and changes in salary for March and April, 1907, and it was ordered to be printed and filed.

William Greenbaum, page, discharged April 1.

Annie Marzi, janitress, transferred to another City department, April 19.

Jas. L. Huddleston, page, discharged April 20.

William J. Soper, page, resigned April 20.

Harry O'Brien, page, resigned April 30.

Pages appointed, $300 per year:

William Greenbaum, March 5.
Harold Hellgren, March 5.
Edwin H. Feltman, March 5.
Mathias Benner, March 5.
Charles Macko, March 5.
Charles Cohen, March 5.
Harry J. Wahlberg, March 5.
Joseph Rosenberg, March 6.
Raymond Dwyer, March 7.
James E. Edwards, March 7.

Clerks appointed, $400 per year:

Irene Ives, March 7.
Daisy E. Henry, March 22.
Nellie Stacy, March 26.

Clerk appointed, $600 per year (branch reading room):

Anne M. Coover, April 22.

Janitress appointed, $540 per year:

Marie Higgins, April 24.

Pages increased in salary, $300 to $350 per year:

Bernard Britt, April 22.
Charles F. Zak, April 22.

Page increased in salary, $350 to $400 per year:

Oldrich F. Fisera, March 18.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, for the Committee, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing auto	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	68.85
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline gas engine oil	24.08
Knox Automobile Company, of Ill., parts for autos	179.68
The Diamond Rubber Co., rubber tires, etc	39.21
American Battery Co., repairing type G. P. storage batteries	23.50
Tuthill Spring Co., auto plates	5.00
Offset Handle Wrench Co., wrenches	9.64
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, station trunks	6.00
	$370.96

Director Cigrand, also, presented sundry letters and petitions from the keepers of the delivery stations in reference to the compensation allowed them.

It was moved and seconded that the communications be referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Cigrand in the absence of a majority of the Committee moved that the business in the hands of the Committee be taken up and be acted upon in open Board.

Carried.

Director Cigrand presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., reading room, 3841 State St	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, reading room, 226 North Ave	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., reading room, 1202 Milwaukee Ave	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., reading room, 21 Blue Island Ave	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., reading room, 821 S. Ashland Ave	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	28.42
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	15.20
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	398.75
Central District Coal Co., coal	17.10
F. G. Hartwell Co., coal	17 00
Ohio Fuel Co., coal	16.80
Miami Coal Co., coal	16.80
David Rutter & Co., coal	16.60
Waller Coal Co., coal	16.40
Commercial Coal & Coke Co., coal	15.60
Baker Bros., coal	15.12
Edwin F. Daniels & Co., coal	14.82
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service, main library	94.25
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	27.05
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	17.89
Wm. Dilley, brushes	26.00
The Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	17.33
Gallaher & Speck, repairing elevator, etc	36.50
McMaster-Davis Supply Co., packing, etc	15.05
Crandall Packing Co., hose	8.00
Crane Co., engineers supplies	8.04
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	12.00
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., wipers	4 90
Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., brushes	12.96
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	6.44
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	21.15
The Jas. H. Rice Co., benzine, oil, putty, etc	12.71
The A. H. Andrews Co., book and magazine cases	330.00
Library Bureau, bookcases, etc	130 00
Marshall Field & Co., jardinieres, etc	10.84
Anderson Art Co., framing portrait Thos. Hughes	5 50
The Consumers Company, Cooler Dept., water cooler	12.00
The Fair, mirror	4.50
Geo. B. Carpenter & Co., recovering awnings, etc	182.70
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone Library (2 mos.)	198.00
W. B. Wickersham, cash expenditures for April, 1907	65.23
	$2,281.65

He, also, presented a proposition from Marshall Field & Co., to lay 182 square yards of the best quality imported cork carpet in the room adjoining the art room on the fifth floor of the Library building for the sum of $191.10.

Director Brosseau moved that the proposition be accepted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, presented the report of the International Audit Company, upon their examination of the books and accounts of the Public Library

for the quarter ended February 28, 1907, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

May 13, 1907.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Gentlemen:—We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the three months ending 28th February, 1907.

We submit the following statements prepared from the books:

1. Ledger Balances, 28th February, 1907.
2. Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Library Fund for three months ending 28th February, 1907.
3. Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for December, 1906, January, 1907, and February, 1907.

We have pleasure in stating that we find the books to be well and carefully kept.

Yours respectfully,

THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT COMPANY,
(Signed) by JOHN MCLAREN,
President.

(Signed) ROBERT NELSON, C. A.,
Certified Public Accountant, Manager.

LEDGER BALANCES, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1907.

DEBITS.

Due from Comptroller		$ 251,699.73
Mortgage Loans		9,500 00
Tax Warrants		42,500.00
Real Estate—Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard		160,000.00
Cash		14,379.22
		$478,078.95

CREDITS.

Public Library Fund:			
Fund of 1879 and prior years		$23,534.44	
Library Fund		168,391.53	
Delinquent Taxes		28 395.38	
Reserve Fund for Interest		1,378.38	
		$221,699.73	
Reserve for cost of Taxes		30,000.00	
W. H. Ryder Fund	$10,000.00		
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,919 99		
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000,00		
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,567.74		
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00		
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	8,410.98		
Security Deposits	1,031.75		
Special Deposits	100.00		
Incidental Fund	348 76		
		226,379.22	
			$478,078.95

Public Library Fund, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Three Months Ending February 28th, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund, 1st December, 1906	$244,671.27
Gain in Extending Taxes, 1906	2,802.18
Adjustment of Reserves for losses and costs of Taxes, 1905	7,966.79
Delinquent Taxes collected	720.36
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,509.44
	$257,670.04

EXPENDITURES.

Books		$ 6,130.47	
Newspapers and Periodicals		1,635.66	
Binding		3,092.75	
Books lost and paid for—Refunds		45.75	
Finding Lists		238.65	
Freight and Expressage		41.37	
Postage		135.00	
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous		971.15	
Branch Reading Rooms "		1,956.39	
Salaries:			
Main Building	$29,075.21		
Branch Reading Rooms	1,949.97		
Delivery Stations	3,527.12		
		34,552.30	
Miscellaneous Expense		869.13	
Printing and Stationery		938.63	
Fuel		2,338.85	
Heating and Generating Plant		291.66	
Electric Supplies and Repairs		82.81	
Repairs, Alterations, etc		464.31	
Elevator Supplies and Repairs		53.01	
Janitors' Expense		182.97	
Furniture and Fixtures		1,971.70	
Insurance		458.20	
Blackstone Branch Library		2,164.05	
		$58,614.81	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants		656.49	
Reserve for loss and costs of Taxes, 1906		30,000.00	
Commission on Delinquent Taxes collected		7.21	89,278.51
Balance Library Fund, 28th February, 1907			$168,391.53

DUE FROM COMPTROLLER AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1907.

Public Library Fund, 1879 and prior years	$ 23,534.44
Public Library Fund, 1906-1907	168,391.53
Delinquent Taxes	28,395.38
Reserve for Loss and Costs of Taxes, 1906	30,000.00
Reserve for Accrued Interest	1,378.38
	$251,699.73

Cash Receipts and Expenditure, Three Months Ending 28th February, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

	December, 1906.	January, 1907.	February, 1907.
Cash Balance at close of previous months	$12,404.01	$12,401.56	$12,743.01
Comptroller for Incidental Fund	288.89	229 84	209.45
Duplicates	.60	.....	.....
Miscellaneous Receipts	10.80	24.40	10.27
Finding Lists	50 41	64.59	49.06
Books Lost and Paid for	57.75	76.50	59.75
Deposits	135.25	282.50	249.00
Fines	735.45	791.40	683.79
Kelly Fund Income	.....	82.49	1,500.00
Ryder Fund Income	.....	152.58	125.00
Beecher Fund Income	.....	22.99	.....
	$13.684.16	$14,128.85	$15,629.33

EXPENDITURE.

Comptroller	$ 487.28	$ 561.19	$ 460.97
Deposits Repaid	197.75	219.50	185.50
Books	98.52	55.94	25.20
Newspapers and Periodicals	2.00	11.00	5.60
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds	12.00	19.75	14.00
Freight and Expressage	8 59	10 40	22.38
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	10.29	4.01	2.05
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	3.20	7.50	3.00
Blackstone Branch Library	2.68	2.70	1.05
Miscellaneous Expense	31.57	32.87	30.67
Postage	50.00	50.00	35.00
Printing and Stationery	4.10	6.00	2.91
Heating and Generating Plant	6.89	4.73	3.82
Elevator Supplies and Repairs	.....	.....	.68
Electric Supplies and Repairs	.....	.....	.63
Janitors' Expense	.....	4.55	4.25
Pension Fund	367.73	395.70	341.90
Ryder Fund Income—Books Purchased	.....	.....	100.00
Kelly Fund Income—Books Purchased	.....	.....	10.50
	$ 1,282.60	$ 1,385.84	$ 1,250.11
Cash on hand at close of months	12,401.56	12,743 01	14,379.22
	$13,684.16	$14,128.85	$15,629.33

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	December, 1096.	January, 1907.	February, 1907.
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,742.41	2,894.99	2,919.99
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,544.75	1,567.74	1,567.74
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	6,838.99	6,921.48	8,410.98
Incidental Fund	270.16	290.55	348.76
Security Deposits	905.25	968.25	1,031.75
Special Deposits	100.00	100.00	100.00
	$224,401.56	$224,743.01	$226,379.22
Deduct:			
Mortgage Loans	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00
City of Chicago Tax Warrants	42,500.00	42,500.00	42,500.00
Real Estate, Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
	$212,000 00	$212,000.00	$212,000.00
Balance	12,401.56	12,743.01	14,379.22
	$224,401.56	$224,743.01	$226,379.22

Director Eckhart, also, presented the bill of the International Audit Company, amounting to $25.00, for the audit of the books and accounts of the Public Library for the third quarter and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The President notified the Board of the illness of the Secretary, and it was moved that the Board extend to Mr. Wickersham their deepest sympathy and the hope of his speedy recovery.

Carried.

The Librarian reported that the branch reading room in the Bessemer Park field house was opened to the public April 23, 1907.

He, also, reported that the room vacated by the Municipal Museum on the fourth floor of the Library building had not been put in the same condition as it was when they took possession of the room.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the authorities of the Municipal Museum calling their attention to their agreement of May 28, 1906, and request them to restore the room to its proper condition.

The Librarian, also, reported that the Civil Service Commission of the City of Chicago had ordered an examination for Library clerks to be held July 3, 1907.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Lagorio called the attention of the Board to one of the plans for the new connecting boulevard system

whereby an elevated roadway is to be constructed along Michigan avenue, beginning at the south end of the Library building and rising to an elevation of 16 feet at the north end. The erection of such a roadway would not only mar the architectural beauty of the building, but seriously interfere with the proper lighting and ventilation as well.

Director Cigrand moved that a special committee, consisting of the members of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds together with Directors Lagorio, Eckhart and Brosseau and the Librarian, be appointed to investigate the matter and file a proper protest.

Carried.

Director Eckhart moved that the motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 1907, as recorded and printed, without being read, be reconsidered.

Carried.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The President appointed Director Cigrand to act as Secretary.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 1907, be corrected and changed as follows.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Page 135. Cataloguing Department:

E. F. L. Gauss	2-12-87	First Asistant Librarian	$2700
Kate M. Henneberry	12-18-75	Assistant Librarian	1500
Anna J. Ferguson	11-19-97	Clerk	850

Page 135. Circulating Department:

Amanda Diehl	2-12-87	Clerk	900
Jessie B. Perry	1-14-88	"	900

Page 139. Janitor's Department:

John A. Johnson	12-16-98	Janitor	700
Oscar Hasling	10-2-05	Window Washer	700
Chas. L. Viane	11-22-06	" "	700
John C. Carlson	11-25-06	" "	700

Page 140. Engineers' Department:

John Clark	10-13-99	Coal Passer	780
John Murray	7-7-03	" "	780

Director Cigrand moved that the Librarian be sent as a representative to the American Library Association at its annual conference at Asheville, N. C., at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Roulston the Board resumed open session.

The Secretary of the executive session reported the action of the Board in executive session, and it was moved and carried that this action be made the action of the Board, whereupon Director Eckhart moved that the minutes of April 22, 1907, as corrected and changed, be approved.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR APRIL, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of April was 124,073, against 117,198 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,963.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	12,603	10,749
Books issued from stacks	34,960	28,478

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,756. Books consulted, 8,586.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 15. Average maximum attendance per hour, 21.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,182	1,959
Volumes consulted	9,895	8,967

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 305. Bound newspapers consulted, 456. Books for the blind circulated, 112.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,437. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 213. Average maximum attendance per hour, 270.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	23	36	26	1,593
No. 2	15	22	14	1,161
No. 3	13	25	11	1,154
No. 4	30	53	42	884
No. 5	12	17	12	853
No. 6	31	47	44	2,229
No. 7	23	37	41	1,011
No. 8	15	23	31	320
No. 9	13	21	27	669

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 19. Average maximum attendance per hour, 49. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 5,814, of which 344 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 70 delivery stations was 78,877, against 74,695 from 72 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,561, of which 1,300 were issued to males, and 1,261 to females. The registration of April, 1906, was 2,840. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,757.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies April 1, 1907	4,195
Number of books sent to binderies in April	2,165
Total number of books at binderies in April	6,360
Number of books received from binderies in April	2,316
Number of books at binderies April 30, 1907	4,044
Number of books repaired in Library in April	2,692

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library April 30, 1907, was 339,438. Received since June 1, 1906, 23,555; since April 1, 1907, 2,109. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 7,215; since April 1, 1,285. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 512; since April 1, 51. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 99; since April 1, 7.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, May 13, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MAY 27, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present when the Board was called to order, the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor and Stern.

Absent—Directors Cigrand and Lagorio.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Roulston, the minutes of the regular meeting held May 13, 1907, were approved, as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition from N. S. Purviance, watchman, praying the Board to grant him compensation for time lost on account of sickness, April 29th and 30th and May 22d to the 26th, inclusive, a physician's certificate accompanying the same.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Martin Schnee, wood finisher, praying the Board for an increase in his salary.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented a list of current American books, 32 vols., estimated to cost $31.00, agreed on by the Committee, and moved that they be ordered purchased.

Carried.

He, also, presented the report of the Committee on Library for the eleven months ended April 30, 1907, and it was received and referred to the President.

He, also, reported back the communication from Peterson Linotype Company, relative to the price for composition and plates for the finding lists, and moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Library with power to act.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and the President—7.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee for eleven months ended April 30, 1907, and it was received and referred to the President.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Brosseau presented the report of the Committee for the eleven months ended April 30, 1907, and it was received and referred to the President.

Director Brosseau moved that delivery station No. 22 South, under the care of Mrs. Nellie S. Campbell, be closed.

Carried.

Directors Cigrand and Lagorio entered the room and took their seats.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following report of the Committee, and moved that it be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—1—Director Eckhart.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs leave to report that in accordance with the direction of the Board proposals for supplying the Library with smokeless coal for the ensuing year were opened May 3rd inst. The prices of the nine bids received ranged from $3.78 to $4.25 per ton.

The tests made by the Library's engineer show that the coal offered by the Pittsburgh Coal Company, at $3.90 per ton, was the most economical, the cost of evaporating 1,000 pounds of water from 212 degrees Fahrenheit being 21.37 cents. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that a contract be entered into with the Pittsburgh Coal Company for 3,000 tons, more or less, of mine run smokeless coal in accordance with that company's bid of $3.90 per ton, and that they be required to give a surety company bond of $2,000.00 for the faithful performance of the contract.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. NOVAK,
B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN.
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, May 27, 1907.

He, also, presented the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the communication of James J. Linehan, chief janitor, relative to the dangerous condition of certain passageways in the basement of the building, begs leave to report that it has made a careful investigation of the various places through which the employés of the Library and occasional outside workmen pass. and it is of the opinion that these places could be made safe by the removal of the supporting angle irons from the bottom of certain air ducts, replacing the same with bracing wherever necessary. Also, that a railing and small set of steps should be erected at "fan U," room 13, basement, between the two different levels of the floor at that place. These changes have

met with the approval of the architects of the building and could be made by the employés of the Library at a slight expense, and your Committee would recommend that the work be ordered done under the direction of the chief engineer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. NOVAK,
B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, May 27, 1907.

Also, a bill from Rollo, Webster & Co., audited and approved, for premiums on fire insurance on the Library building for a term of five years, amounting to $2,835.00, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—9.

Nays—None.

Mr. John Heron being present, by invitation of the Committee, addressed the Board in reference to establishing a branch reading room in connection with a municipal bath in the vicinity of Twenty-sixth street and Cottage Grove avenue, after which he withdrew from the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board a letter from Mr. Clyde M. Carr, of the Commercial Club, Chairman of the Committee on Boulevard connecting North and South Sides, relative to a meeting to inspect the plans of the proposed routes.

Referred to the Special Committee appointed May 13th inst.

On motion of Director Roulston the Board went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The President appointed Director Cigrand to act as Secretary.

Director Roulston moved that the following changes be made in the roster of employés and salaries for the year beginning May 1, 1907:

Anna Riordan, clerk, $900.00.

Martin Schnee, wood finisher, $700.00.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—9.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Roulston the Board resumed open session.

The Secretary of the executive session reported the changes in the salary list, as agreed upon, and it was moved that this action be made the action of the Board.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—9.

Nays—None.

Director Novak moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet Monday, June 24, 1907, at eight o'clock p. m.

Carried.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Secretary pro tem.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Eckhart.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 27, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President presented a communication from Mr. Chas. H. Thorne, representing the Committee of the Commercial Club on "Plan of Chicago," asking when it would be convenient for the Board to meet him at Mr. Burnham's office and explain to it the plans of the Commercial Club for the improvement of Michigan avenue.

Referred to the Special Committee on Michigan avenue boulevard to connect North and South sides.

Communications were, also, received as follows:

From Russell D. Hill, Sec'y of Michigan Avenue Improvement Association, stating that that association had made an assessment of one dollar per front foot on property fronting Michigan avenue for the purpose of securing a fund for the expenses of an architect to prepare a plan of co-operation with the Commercial Club of Chicago in the matter of a connecting boulevard between the North and South sides.

Referred to the Special Committee on Michigan avenue boulevard to connect North and South sides.

From Thomas MacLagan, residing at Lombard, Ill., praying the Board to renew his privilege of drawing books from the Library.

Director Brosseau moved that the petition of Mr. MacLagan be granted.

Carried.

From Mrs. Gagne, 1403 Ogden avenue, praying the Board to remit the price of book "C 5208," which was burned in the recent destruction of her home.

Director Brosseau moved that the petition of Mrs. Gagne be referred to the Librarian with power to act.

Carried.

From John R. McCabe, City Clerk, asking the Board to establish a delivery station in the drug store of Emil E. Pick, corner of Ogden avenue and Polk street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Edward Stuchlik, 338 West Eighteenth street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens and business men in the vicinity of Cottage Grove avenue and Seventy-first street, praying the Board to maintain a delivery station in that vicinity and recommending Frank B. Fagan as a person suitable to have charge of the same.

Referred to Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens residing in Grand Crossing, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at the store of J. C. Miller, 1330 E. Seventy-fifth street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From E. V. Brown, keeper of delivery station No. 13 West, located at 1827 N. Kedzie avenue, tendering his resignation as such keeper, and from Mrs. S. Smith, making application to be appointed keeper in his stead.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Theresa A. Hughes, tendering her resignation as clerk in charge of Bessemer Park branch reading room.

Director Brosseau moved that the resignation of Miss Hughes be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a clerk, to fill the vacancy, at a salary of $600 per annum.

Carried.

From John W. Blake, page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignation of Mr. Blake be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page, to fill the vacancy, at a salary of $300 per annum.

Carried.

From Margaret Kearney, clerk, requesting an extension of her leave of absence.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Ida B. Johnson, clerk, requesting the Board to allow her the privilege of going home at 5 o'clock p. m. or as soon thereafter as her work is completed, or to begin work at 8:30 a. m. and to go home at 4:30 p. m.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Margaret C. O'Shaughnessy and Pearl I. Field, clerks, requesting a trans-

fer from the circulating department to the cataloging department when the first vacancy shall occur.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Raymond Dwyer, page, praying the Board to grant him compensation for time lost on account of death and disease in his family from April 27th to May 4th, inclusive.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books examined and agreed upon by the Committee:

A list of current American books, 144 vols., to cost $189.20.

A list of English books, 70 vols., to cost $152.60.

A list of extra copies of books to replace certain popular fiction books, 136 vols., to cost $68.

A list of extra copies of miscellaneous books, 133 vols., to cost $130.

A list of directories of American cities, 22 vols., to cost $125.

A list of miscellaneous books, 24 vols., to cost $45.

Director Brosseau moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau, also, presented a list of bills for continuations, special books, etc., amounting to $157.12, and moved that they be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

He, also, presented the following list of current bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

G. E. Stechert & Co., periodicals	$ 16.82
A. C. McClurg & Co., books	711.08
Club of Odd Volumes, books	20.00
Joseph Flucke, binding	197.41
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	685.32
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	440.05
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	184.06
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing finding lists, etc	459.40
James Watson & Co., printing minutes	44.25
Holmes Mfg. Co., stationery	31.75
Cameron, Amberg & Co., slips, etc	31.10
Edwards & Hancock, carbon paper	21.00
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	10.80
Unger Printing Co., printing	15 00
Safford Stamp Works, dates	9.00
Dennison Mfg. Co., labels	7.80
W. J. Williams & Co., rubber bands	4.50
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	45.84
R. S. Henshaw, daily papers, 6 months	28.00
Bennett's Newspaper and Magazine Subscription Agency, magazines	16.55
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for May, 1907	164.63
	$3,144.36

Director Brosseau, also, presented the report of the Librarian for May, 1907, and it was ordered to be printed and filed.

He, also, stated that in accordance with the usual custom the Secretary had advertised for bids for binding and for furnishing current American books for the year beginning July 1st next; that bids had

been received for medium grade binding, ranging in prices from 38 cents to $1.50 per volume for half-roan and from 50 cents to $1.70 per per volume for half-morocco; that a bid had been received for resewing books in old covers, ranging in prices from 18 cents for class I to 40 cents for class IV with slightly higher prices for extra large sizes; that bids were received for binding reference books and periodicals, ranging in prices from $1.10 per volume to $2.50 per volume in half-calf and half-morocco, and from 70 cents to $1.65 per volume in half-roan with higher prices for extra large sizes.

Director Brosseau moved that a contract be entered into with Joseph Flucke, for medium grade binding on his bid ranging from 38 cents per volume for size I to $1.50 per volume for size IX in half-roan and 50 cents per volume for size I to $1.70 per volume for size IX in half-morocco; he agreeing to bind 250 books and return them to the Library within fourteen days of their receipt.

Also, that a contract be entered into with Geo. E. Koehler for medium grade binding on his bid of 38 cents per volume for size I to $1.50 per volume for size IX in half-roan and from 50 cents per volume for size one to $1.70 per volume for size IX in half-morocco: he agreeing to bind 600 books and return them to the Library within fourteen days of their receipt.

Also, that a contract be entered into with John M. Burgmeier for binding reference books and periodicals on his bid ranging from $1.10 per volume to $1.65 per volume for half-calf, and from $1.10 per volume to $2.50 per volume for half-morocco, and from 70 cents per volume to $1.65 per volume for half-roan with slightly higher prices for extra large sizes.

Also, that a contract be entered into with Geo. E. Koehler for resewing books in old covers on his bid, ranging from 18 cents per volume for class I to 40 cents per volume for class IV with slightly higher prices for extra large sizes.

The motion prevailed.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau stated that bids had been invited for linotype composition and plates for the finding lists and presented bids ranging from $1.75 to $2.65 per plate complete for the finding lists, and from $1.12 to $1.50 per page for composition and slugs for the bulletins, and recommended that a contract be entered into with John F. Higgins upon his bid of $1.75 per plate complete for finding lists, and $1.25 per page for bulletins, and that he be required to file a bond of $200.

Director Novak moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Roulston was excused and left the room.

Director Brosseau stated that the bid of A. C. McClurg & Co. for furnishing

American books for the ensuing year was the only bid received, and moved that a contract be entered into with that firm for supplying these books for the ensuing year upon its bid ranging from a discount from publishers' prices of 10 per cent. on net and special books to 40 per cent. on regular books as set forth in a schedule accompanying the bid on file in the Secretary's office.

The motion prevailed.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio stated that the Committee was not yet ready to report on sundry matters in its hands and asked further time.

Further time was granted.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following list of bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing auto	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	78.30
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline, gas engine oil	5.75
Economy Oil and Compound Co., auto oil	4.65
Knox Automobile Company of Illinois, automobile, etc	2,619.23
Knox Automobile Co., repair parts for autos	4.20
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, repairing trunks	13.75
	$2,740.88

Director Cigrand, also, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1, That the petition for a delivery station at 505 South Forty-eighth avenue be filed on account of our inability to reach it with the delivery wagons.

2. That the petition of F. B. Lloyd for a delivery station at Thirty-fifth street and Archer avenue be filed because of its inaccessibility to our delivery wagons.

3. That the petition of Edward Stuchlik for a delivery station at his store, 338 W. Eighteenth street, be filed on account of its proximity to a west side small park where a branch reading room may be opened in the autumn.

4. That the petition of citizens for a delivery station at the corner of Cottage Grove avenue and Seventy first street be filed temporarily.

5. That the resignation of E. B. Brown as keeper of delivery station No. 13 West be accepted, and that Mrs. S. Smith be appointed keeper in his stead.

6. That a delivery station be opened at or near the corner of Central Park and Armitage avenues in the vicinity of the Bismarck school.

Director Cigrand stated that all but one of the automobiles are stored in the court of the Public Library building, and in consequence they are not washed and cared for as they should be; that the Committee would recommend the employment of an additional janitor whose first duty should be to wash and clean the automobiles at least twice a week.

Director Cigrand moved that the rec-

ommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the annual report of the Committee, and it was referred to the President.

In accordance with a communication from the chief engineer of the building to the Librarian, Director Novak, on behalf of the Committee, recommended that the radiators and pipe connections to same in the corridor leading to the reading room be removed, as they are not needed for heating purposes and have never been used, and are in the way of properly cleaning the floors.

The recommendation was concurred in.

He, also, reported back the communication of Arthur L. Roberts, relative to the bust of Abbe de l'Epee, and stated that the Committee had made an examination of the bust and has found that its size and lack of artistic merits render it unsuitable for the Library building, and the Committee would recommend that if the Pas-A-Pas Club wish to place it elsewhere in the city the Board grant its wish.

Concurred in.

Director Novak, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid,

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	32.40
The Murray Co., awning	19.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	32.39
J. F. McGuire, street sprinkling	30.00
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	22.83
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	895.82
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	84.06
Howe Scale Co. of Illinois, steel chute	52.10
Crane Co., engineering supplies	15.94
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	12.00
D. J. Gallagher, waste	9.90
Keasbey & Mattison Co., asbestos rollboard	5.23
Jenkins Bros., valves	11 82
Ball Engine Co., parts for engine	6.00
Niles Electric Co., radiant lamps	52.00
Jandus Electric Co., repair parts for arc lights	16.96
Gallaher & Speck, cable for elevator	15.20
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	20.50
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	10.24
A. B. Dick Co., mimeograph machine	30.00
H. Schultz & Co., wood file boxes	26.00
Library Bureau, pigeon hole case	9.40
Eliel & Loeb, insurance on motor car	30.00
Marshall Field & Co., cork carpet, etc	197.89
E. Baggot Co., plumbing supplies and labor	111.55
W. D. Allen Mfg. Co., rubber matting	53.28
F. O. Bauman Mfg. Co., carpenter work	68.24
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone branch	98.40

Ullrich Brothers, league pins	30.00
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service at Blackstone	15.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for May, 1907	48.22
	$2,496.37

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Secretary stated, informally, that after waiting several months for the heirs of Michael Foley to reduce the amount of the Foley note from five thousand dollars to four thousand dollars without success, he had, in accordance with an understanding with the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, instructed ex-Director Colin C. H. Fyffe to commence foreclosure proceedings, and that Mr. Fyffe had signified his intentions to do so at once.

He, also, stated in this connection that the interest on the note had been promptly paid up to the present time.

[The property which secures the loan is a three story and basement brick flat building standing upon the southeast corner of Lowe avenue (formerly Sherman street) and W. Forty-second street, the ground upon which it stands having a frontage of 66 3-10 feet and depth of 124.73 feet to a 16 foot alley.]

The Secretary, also, stated that the Frankfort Marine Accident & Plate Glass Insurance Company had satisfactorily settled the bill rendered by Dr. Frank Webster Jay for surgical services in the case of the accident to James J. Linehan.

Director Cigrand moved that when the Board should adjourn it should adjourn until Monday, July 1st, at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

Carried.

On motion of Director Novak, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR MAY, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of May was 121,701, against 115,949 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,868.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	11,317	10,765
Books issued from stacks	31,202	28,242

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,469. Books consulted, 7,755.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 14. Average maximum attendance per hour, 21.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,091	1,884
Volumes consulted	9,647	8,721

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 276. Bound newspapers consulted, 384. Books for the blind circulated, 95.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,301. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 187. Average maximum attendance per hour, 261.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	17	26	11	1,531
No. 2	13	20	9	1,098
No. 3	11	25	8	1,075
No. 4	27	44	28	942
No. 5	10	14	8	789
No. 6	26	45	26	2,066
No. 7	17	26	31	960
No. 8	15	20	34	309
No. 9	11	16	20	708
No. 10	25	33	46	812

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 18. Average maximum attendance per hour, 37. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,400, of which 284 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 70 delivery stations was 77,529, against 74,127 from 72 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 1,900, of which 942 were issued to males, and 958 to females. The registration of May, 1906, was 2,405. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 95,889.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies May 1, 1907	4,044
Number of books sent to binderies in May	2,906
Total number of books at binderies in May	6,950
Number of books received from binderies in May	2,405
Number of books at binderies May 31, 1907	4,545
Number of books repaired in Library in May	2,939

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library May 31, 1907, was 339,282. Received since June 1, 1906, 24,987; since May 1, 1907, 1,432. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 8,303; since May 1, 1,088. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 572; since May 1, 60. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 105; since May 1, 6. There were also deducted 77 volumes delinquent in 1905-06, and 363 volumes missing in 1905-06.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, June 24, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JULY 1, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

The Board met according to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Taylor.

On motion of Director Brosseau, the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 24, 1907, was postponed until next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from Alderman A. W. Beilfuss, enclosing a request from E. F. Haertel, asking the Board to grant to the Lutheran Pastoral Conference of Chicago the privilege of holding its stated meetings in the "room for the blind" on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of every month, from 2:30 o'clock to 5 o'clock p. m.

Alderman Beilfuss being present, by consent, explained more fully the nature of the meetings referred to in Mr. Haertel's letter, after which he withdrew from the room.

Director Brosseau stated that as the practice of the Board had been to grant the use of the "room for the blind" only to public or semi-public bodies for the public good he would move that the petition for the use of the "room for the blind" by the Lutheran Pastoral Conference of Chicago be denied.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, stated that he had received a petition from the employés of the Library regarding payment to them of a month's salary withheld during the summer of 1902, and asked that the communication be read by the Secretary, which was accordingly done.

After some discussion, by unanimous consent, the Secretary was directed to

communicate with the corporation counsel and ask for an opinion as to the legal right of the Board to comply with this request of the employés.

Director Eckhart, also, presented the report of the auditors for the fourth quarter of the year ended May 31, 1907, including the audit of the Secretary's annual report, and recommended that the report be printed and filed.

Carried.

July 1st, 1907.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Gentlemen: — We have carefully audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the three months ending 31st May, 1907, thereby completing the year ending at that date.

We beg to present the following statements, viz.:

1. Ledger balances, 31st May, 1907.
2 Statement of quarterly receipts and expenditures of Library fund from 1st March, 1907, to 31st May, 1907.
3. Statement of cash receipts and expenditure for the months of March, April and May, 1907.

We hand you herewith the Secretary's official report for the year ending 31st May, 1907, to which we have appended our doquet.

We take pleasure in stating that the books and accounts were found correct and in good order.

Yours respectfully,
THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT COMPANY.
(Signed) by JOHN MCLAREN,
President.
(Signed) ROBERT NELSON, C. A.,
Certified Public Accountant, Manager.

LEDGER BALANCES, 31ST MAY, 1907.

DEBITS.

Due from Comptroller	$660,742.87
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00
Tax Warrants—City of Chicago	42,500.00
Real Estate—Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00
Cash	15,260.67
	$888,003.54

CREDITS.

Public Library Fund:		
Fund of 1879 and prior years		$ 23,534.44
Library Fund		403,661.86
Delinquent Taxes		28,395.38
Reserve Fund for Interest		151.19
		$455,742.87
Reserve for Reduction of 1907 Appropriation	$175,000.00	
Reserve for Loss and Cost of 1906 Taxes	30,000.00	205,000.00
		$660,742.87

W. H. Ryder Fund	10,000.00		
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	1,931.67		
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00		
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,633.77		
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00		
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	10,325.33		
Security Deposits	982.75		
Special Deposits	100.00		
Incidental Fund	287.15	227,260.67	
			$888,003.54

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND, STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THREE MONTHS ENDING 31ST MAY, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund, 1st March, 1907		$168,391.53
Appropriation by City Council	$475,000.00	
Less:		
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation, etc	175,000.00	300,000.00
Interest on Daily Balances		555.39
Miscellaneous Receipts		1,400.99
		$470,347.91

EXPENDITURE.

Books		$ 8,037.91	
Newspapers and Periodicals		700.90	
Binding		3,560 94	
Books lost and paid for—Refunds		31.05	
Finding Lists		1,529.44	
Freight and Expressage		111.80	
Postage		193.00	
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous		3,357.81	
Branch Reading Rooms "		1,422 80	
Salaries:			
Main Building	$29,971.55		
Branch Reading Rooms	2,000.00		
Delivery Stations	3,532.25		
		35,503.80	
Miscellaneous Expense		464.54	
Printing and Stationery		998.65	
Fuel		3,013.74	
Heating and Generating Plant		361.65	
Electric Supplies and Repairs		112.17	
Elevator Supplies and Repairs		73.19	
Repairs, Alterations, etc		804.82	
Janitors Expense		102.46	
Furniture and Fixtures		660.63	

Insurance	2,908.40	
Blackstone Branch Library	1,824.90	
	$65,774.60	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants	911.45	
		66,686.05
Balance Library Fund, 31st May, 1907		$403,661.86

DUE FROM COMPTROLLER AT 31ST MAY, 1907.

Public Library Fund, 1879 and prior years	$ 23,534.44
Public Library Fund, 1907	403,661.86
Delinquent Taxes	28,395.38
Reserve for Accrued Interest	151.19
Reserve for Loss and Cost of Taxes, 1906	30,000.00
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation, 1907	175,000.00
	$660.742.87

CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, THREE MONTHS ENDING 31ST MAY, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

	March, 1907.	April, 1907.	May, 1907.
Cash Balance at close of previous month	$14,379.22	$14,315.18	$13,205.67
Tax Warrants		30,000.00	27,500.00
Comptroller for Incidental Fund	151.24	168.03	257.19
Miscellaneous Receipts	47.32	11.55	9.90
Finding Lists	16.47	47.81	63.50
Books Lost and Paid for	51.20	57.70	63.55
Deposits	210.50	193.75	178.50
Fines	651.89	721.20	690.90
Kelly Fund Income	.....	1,038.36	1,932.88
Ryder Fund Income	.....	.....	16.50
Beecher Fund Income	.....	.....	66.03
	$15,507.84	$46,553.58	$43,984 62

EXPENDITURE.

Comptroller	$ 440.93	$ 477.66	$ 482.40
Deposits Repaid	257.75	190.75	183.25
Books	.25	66.76	39.73
Newspapers and Periodicals	.50	16.50	12.90
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds	15.10	7.45	8.50
Freight and Expressage	29.71	54.29	27.80
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	5.35	13.06	13.45
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	4.37	2.00	2.00
Blackstone Branch Library	.....	11.71	18.00
Miscellaneous Expense	6.65	21.50	6.82

Postage	90.00	33.00	70.00
Printing and Stationery	12.95	13.96	5.70
Heating and Generating Plant	3.15	9.96	6.20
Electric Supplies and Repairs	.....	5 50	.....
Janitors' Expense	.....	1.50	1.75
Pension Fund	325.95	360.60	345.45
Ryder Fund Income—Books Purchased	.....	1,004.82	.....
Kelly Fund Income—Books Purchased	.....	1,056 89	.....
Tax Warrants	.....	30,000.00	27,500.00
	$ 1,192.66	$33,347.91	$28,723.95
Cash on hand at close of month	14,315.18	13,205 67	15,260.67
	$15,507.84	$46,553.58	$43,984.62

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	March, 1907.	April, 1907.	May, 1907.
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000,00	$ 10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,919 99	1 915.17	1,931.67
Jerome Beecher Fund	2 000 00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,567.74	1,567.74	1,633.77
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	8,410.98	8,392 45	10,325.33
Incidental Fund	331.97	242.81	287.15
Security Deposits	984.50	987.50	982 75
Special Deposits	100.00	100.00	100.00
	$226,315.18	$225,205.67	$227,260.67
Deduct: Investments.			
Mortgage Loans	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00
City of Chicago Tax Warrants	42,500.00	42,500.00	42,500.00
Real Estate, Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
	$212,000.00	$212,000.00	$212,000.00
Balance	14,315.18	13,205.67	15,260.67
	$226,315.18	$225.205 67	$227,260.67

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The President presented the thirty-fifth annual report of the Board to the City Council and it was read by the Secretary.

Director Cigrand moved that the report be adopted and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the City Council.

Carried.

The Librarian presented an abstract of his report of the operations of the Library for the past year and it was received and

made a part of the report of the Board.

The Secretary presented his financial report for the past year and it was received and made a part of the annual report of the Board.

Director Brosseau moved that one thousand copies of the annual report be printed in pamphlet form.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JULY 8, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present, when the Board was called to order, the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak and Taylor.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 24, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from Gladys Arnold, clerk, tendering her resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Brosseau moved that the resignation of Miss Arnold be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a clerk at a salary of $400 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books agreed upon by the Committee:

A list of current American books, 68 vols., to cost $75; a list of books for the Blackstone branch library, 111 vols., to cost $125, and moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

Director Taylor entered the room and took his seat.

Director Brosseau presented a list of bills for society reports and proceedings, continuations, etc., to be paid from the incidental fund, amounting to $26.82.

Also, the following bills, audited and approved:

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$204.72
Theodore G. Case, books	64.50
S. Librescu, books	46.15
McDevitt-Wilson, books	17.75
B. F. Stevens & Brown, books and periodicals, £293/6/4 (est.)	1,428.35
Matthew Bell & Co., binding, £27/7 (est.)	138.06
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	42.22
Joseph Flucke, binding	273.52
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	661.84
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	142.25
Central Printing and Engraving Co., printing	45.00
James Watson & Co., printing	5.90
Cameron, Amberg & Co., transmittal sheets	33.50
E. S. Rooks, printed envelopes	12.60
J. F. Leaming & Co., printing cards	16.00
Geo. E. Cole & Co., miscellaneous stationery	9.41
Library Bureau, cards	18 00
Unger Printing Co., bill heads	8.00
Dennison Mfg. Co., bank note paper gummed	5.24
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for June, 1907	95.33
	$3,268.34

Director Brosseau moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

He, also, presented the report of the Librarian for the month of June, 1907, and it was ordered to be printed and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio presented the following report on vacancies, appointments and changes in salary for May and June, 1907, and it was ordered to be printed and filed:

Elizabeth A. Young, assistant librarian, resigned May 14.

John W. Blake, page, resigned June 6.

Theresa A. Hughes, clerk, resigned June 11.

Clerks appointed, $600 per year (branch reading room):

Theresa A. Hughes, June 3.

Ida M. Mell, June 17.

Pages appointed, $300 per year:

Frank Pelinka, May 22.

Edward Friedman, May 22.

Herman Weitzman, May 22.

Nathan Levin, May 22.

Walter B. Flintrup, May 22.

Malachi Swesnik, May 22.

John W. Blake, May 27.

John L. White, June 27.

Thomas J. Dwyer, June 27.

Pages increased in salary, $350 to $400 per year:

John F. James, June 5.

Henry Schaefer, June 5.

Ralph Kennedy, June 5.

(For general increases in salary, May 1, see minutes of April 22, May 13 and 27, 1907.)

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

J. C. Agnew, storing auto car	$ 7.50
The Sheridan Garage, storing auto car.	7.50
Knox Automobile Company, of Illinois, repair parts for auto cars	164.79
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	68.85
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline gas engine oil	25.00
New York & New Jersey Lubricant Co., oil	7.50

McCord & Co., lubricator, etc	33.00
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste	11.03
Wayman & Murphy, repair parts for auto cars	58.90
	$384.07

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Stern presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., Madison St. reading room	100.00
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service	94.25
J. F. McGuire, street sprinkling	30.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	26.35
Haegele Ice Co, ice	27.31
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
The Chicago Daily Journal, advertisements	19.71
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	449.30
Crandall Packing Co., hose and packing	29.13
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	11.75
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., engineering supplies	9 25
Keasbey & Mattison Co., engineering supplies	13.40
Hills-McCanna Co., pump valves	12.60
Samuel Harris & Co., engineering supplies	11.12
Peerless Electric Co., rewinding arc lamp spools	13.50
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	19.80
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	10.85
Western Electric Co., electric fans	72.50
Marshall Field & Co., cork carpet	81.64
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for June, 1907	60.50
	$1,436.96

Director Stern, also, presented the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, begs leave to report as follows upon matters coming under its supervision:

In accordance with instructions of the Board the Secretary obtained three bids for cleaning and redecorating the interior of the Blackstone Memorial Branch Library building, ranging in prices from $419.00 to $550.00.

Your Committee has given the matter careful consideration and though the bid of Mitchel & Halbach is not the lowest it would recommend that a contract be entered into with that firm to do this work upon its bid of $445.00, it having done satisfactory work for the Library in former years.

Your Committee would, also, state that bids were advertised for, for electric dumb waiters for the reference room and would recommend that a contract be entered into with Burdett-Rowntree Mfg. Company for this work upon that firm's bid of $1,500.00, that being the lowest bid received.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, July 8, 1907.

Director Stern moved that the report be adopted, and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau,

Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Taylor presented the bill of the International Audit Company, amounting to $25.00, for auditing the books and accounts of the Library for the quarter ending May 31, 1907.

Director Brosseau, in the absence of a majority of the Committee, moved that the bill be approved by the Board and be ordered paid.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Cigrand moved that the branch reading rooms be closed on Sunday during July and August, 1907.

Carried.

The adoption of the following resolution was moved by Director Stern and seconded by Director Brosseau:

Whereas, It appears that a number of the Directors of this Board will be absent from the city, more or less, during the months of July and August, and action necessary to be had for the approval of bills at the regular stated meetings to be held during the remainder of said months may fail for want of a quorum, therefore be it

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Special Committee of three members who may audit all bills for necessary expenses and outlays to be incurred during said term; and that the approval in writing by a majority of the Committee shall be due and sufficient authority for the President or Vice-President and Secretary to issuing warrants for the payment of all bills so audited, and the action of said Special Committee shall be reported at the next ensuing regular meeting of the Board and be subject to its approval and confirmation.

Carried unanimously.

The President appointed Directors Stern, Lagorio and Taylor as members of this Special Committee.

On motion of Director Brosseau, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR JUNE, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of June was 109,541, against 106,535 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,382.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	9,232	8,662
Books issued from stacks	25,200	23,045

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open sheives.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 1,554. Books consulted, 4,085.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 12. Average maximum attendance per hour, 15.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors.	2,053	1,956
Volumes consulted.	9,339	9,026

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 337. Bound newspapers consulted, 510. Books for the blind circulated, 82.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 8,327. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 153. Average maximum attendance per hour, 207.

BRANCH READING ROOMS

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	14	23	8	1,590
No. 2	8	11	5	1,117
No. 3	9	21	6	959
No. 4	21	33	22	778
No. 5	10	13	12	728
No. 6	22	40	23	2,239
No. 7	18	26	35	837
No. 8	12	18	21	313
No. 9	12	17	17	739
No. 10	..	..	.	..

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 15. Average maximum attendance per hour, 37. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 5,736, of which 267 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 71,499, against 68,189 from 72 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 1,844, of which 922 were issued to males, and 922 to females. The registration of June, 1906, was 2,072. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 95,294.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies June 1, 1907	4,545
Number of books sent to binderies in June	2,666
Total number of books at binderies in June	7,211
Number of books received from binderies in June	2,312
Number of books at binderies June 30, 1907	4,899
Number of books repaired in Library in June	4,004

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library June 30, 1907, was 338,938. Received since June 1, 761. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 1,065; Books lost and paid for since June 1, 40; Books found and money refunded since June 1, 2.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, July 8, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JULY 22, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

A quorum not being present, no meeting was held.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the Vice-President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Novak, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent, Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor and the President.

The Secretary presented the following call:

"CHICAGO, Aug. 1, 1907.

"*W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y,*
"*The Chicago Public Library.*

"*Dear Sir:*—Please call a special meeting of the Public Library Board to be held Monday, Aug. 5, 1907, at 4 p. m. for the purpose of auditing the bills for the month of July, 1907, and of receiving and acting upon communications and reports from the Committees on Library, Administration, Buildings and Grounds and Delivery Stations.

"B. J. CIGRAND,
"*Vice-President.*"

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Novak, the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held July 1, and of the regular meeting held July 8, 1907, were approved as recorded and printed without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the Corporation Counsel:

"City of Chicago,
"Law Department,
"Office of the Corporation Counsel,
"August 2. 1907.

"*W. B. Wickersham, Esq.,*
"*Secretary of the Public Library.*

"*Dear Sir:*—We have your letter asking to be advised as to the legality of the proposed payment now to employés of the Library Board during 1902 who were required to take one month's vacation without pay.

"As an employé of the municipality has no vested right in his position and as his compensation depends upon the municipality's ability to get the necessary money, and as these employés were necessarily laid off by reason of a lack of funds, we are of the opinion that there is no warrant in law for the payment of salaries during the vacation period in 1902.

"Yours truly,
"WM. D. BARGE,
"*Assistant Corporation Counsel.*

"Approved: George W. Miller,
"*First Ass't Corporation Counsel.*"

Director Stern moved that the communication be received and be placed on file.

Carried.

Resignations were received from the following pages: John V. Scanlan, Henry Schaefer, Ralph Kennedy and Frank P. Stretton.

Director Novak moved that the resignations of the foregoing pages be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for four pages at a salary of $300 per annum each to fill the vacancies.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern for the Committee presented the following lists of books agreed upon:

A list of miscellaneous books from various sources, 66 vols., to cost $136.

A list of current American books, 72 vols., to cost $81.

He, also, presented a list of bills for continuations, special books, subscription books, etc., amounting to $36.83.

Director Stern moved that the books be purchased and that the bills be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

Director Stern, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$550.35
Otto Harrassowitz, books, Marks 575.90 (est.)	138.21
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, books	91.20
Chas. MacDonald & Co, periodicals	45.84
Joseph Flucke, binding	327.52
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	813.90
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	269.60
The Barrett Bindery Co., binders	33.71
James Watson & Co., printing	52.60
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing and stationery	43.45
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	10.25
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	36.25
Unger Printing Co., printing	8.75
John F. Higgins, composition and press work, bulletin No. 81	34.60
Bradner, Smith & Co., paper	42.29
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	11.26

The Shaw-Walker Co., cards	18.00
A. L. A. Publishing Board, cards	8.73
H. S. Parrish & Co., rubber bands and dates	4.85
Harry D. Kirk, paste	4.80
Remington Typewriter Co., typewriting ribbons	7.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for July, 1907	206.14
	$2,759.30

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration begs leave to make the following recommendations on matters under its jurisdiction:

1. That the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commission for two clerks (female) to fill vacancies in the service at a salary of $400 per year each.

2. That the action of the Librarian in suspending Charles Cohen, a page, for disorderly conduct be approved and that said Cohen be suspended from the service for a period of seven days from July 30th with loss of pay.

3. That the action of the Librarian in suspending David Israelstam, page, for incompetency be approved and that the Civil Service Commission be requested to permanently separate said Israelstam from the Library service and certify another page to fill the position at a salary of $300 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. ROULSTON,
A. LAGORIO,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago, Aug. 5, 1907.

Director Stern moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Roulston, also, reported back the petitions of Minnie E. Wills, Kitty Farrell, Catharine Murray, Raymond J. Dwyer and N. S. Purviance, requesting pay for time lost on account of illness and recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that the petitions be filed.

The recommendation was concurred in.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

The Chair stated that as there was no quorum of the Committee on Delivery Stations present, if there were no objections the business in its hands would be taken up and be brought before the Board for action.

There being no objections, the Secretary presented the following bills:

The Sheridan Garage, storing motor car	$ 15.00
Knox Automobile Company of Illinois, repair parts for motor cars	12.18
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	64.80
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline gas engine oil	26.50
New York and New Jersey Lubricant Co., non-fluid oil	24.40
Wayman & Murphy, repairs to motor cars	15.05
	$157.93

Director Roulston moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

The Secretary reported that it would be necessary very soon to purchase a driving chain for one of the automobiles and that he had obtained a price from the Whitney Mfg. Co., of Hartford, Conn., on 200 feet of chain, which would be a saving of $98.00 on the same number of feet purchased, one chain at a time, as has been

the custom heretofore. He also stated that 200 feet would last the Library probably two years and asked whether the Board would not look with favor upon so large a purchase when the great saving is taken into account.

Director Stern moved that the Secretary be authorized to purchase 200 feet of driving chain at $1.19 per foot in accordance with his explanation, at a total cost of $238.00.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, having had under consideration sundry matters coming within its jurisdiction, begs leave to recommend the following:

1. That an order be given to Johnson Chair Company for six dozens Library chairs at a cost of $47.50 per dozen for reading room No. 1, located at 1202 Milwaukee avenue.

Several of the reading rooms need a few chairs, and it is the intention to divide up the chairs now at Milwaukee avenue reading room among the reading rooms located at 3841 State street, 21 Blue Island avenue and 226 North avenue, bringing most of the old-style heavy chairs to the Library for use in the boys' lunch room.

2. That an order be given to Western Slate Company for 1,000 purple slate tiles for repairing the roof of the Library building to cost, delivered, 14 cents each, this tile having been used some years ago in repairs and having shown no tendency to rot or break. Your Committee had before it various samples of slate tile running in price from 10 cents to 24 cents each, delivered, and it believes that the purple slate selected is the best of the entire lot.

3. The rubber mats in the vestibule at the Washington street entrance to the Library being worn-out, your Committee recommends that an order be given to Central Rubber Company for 12 mats for this vestibule to cost $41.85; said company having guaranteed in their proposal that the mats shall give good service for at least five years and that should any of them give out during this time on account of poor material or workmanship it will replace them free of charge.

4. The Committee's attention having been called to a need for work on the circular iron window sashes in the Randolph street stair-case hall, which on account of rust, have come into a condition where they cannot be closed properly, it would recommend that the services of a mechanic be obtained for the purpose of putting these sashes in good order. This work will cost, if let to a responsible firm, 75 cents per hour, and it has been estimated to cost from seventy-five to one hundred dollars for the job.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. NOVAK,
JULIUS STERN,
B. J. CIGRAND,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, August 5, 1907.

Director Novak moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

Director Novak presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75 00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
J. F. McGuire, street sprinkling, main Library	30.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	25.81
The Haegele Ice Co, ice	37.21
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	379.55
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	6.00
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., oil cup glasses, etc	7.20
Samuel Harris & Co., engineering supplies	5.22
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware supplies	17.65
Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., framing signs	5.00
The Fair, mirror, brushes, etc	5.94
A. Henrotin Co., soap	33.60
A. Hannibal, repairing chairs	40.50
Geo. B. Meleney & Co., display rack, etc.	140.00
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	100.70
Eliel & Loeb, insurance	110 62
Rollo, Webster & Co., insurance	60.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas consumed	24.26
Peter Van Schaack & Sons, sponges	99.53
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste	13.01
W. H. Salisbury & Co., engineering supplies	10.59
Crane Co., engineering supplies	7.83
James H. Rice Co., red lead, alcohol, etc	13.58
W. V. Geary, street sprinkling, etc., Blackstone branch	25.00
City Collector, City of Chicago, street car books	4.30
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone branch	56.40
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for July, 1907	148.22
	$1,841.72

On motion of Director Stern, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

No quorum appearing no meeting was held.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Cigrand and Taylor.

The Secretary presented the following call:

"CHICAGO, Sept. 12, 1907.

"*W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y,*
"*Chicago Public Library.*

"*Dear Sir:*—Please call a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library to be held Monday, Sept. 16, 1907, at eight o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering and passing upon the following:

"1. The reading and consideration of the records of the previous meeting.
"2. Communications.
"3. Unfinished business.
"4. Reports and recommendations from the Committees on Library, Administration, Delivery Stations, Buildings and Grounds, Finance and By-laws.
"5. Reports from standing committees.
"6. Reports of officers.
"7. New business.

"Very respectfully,
"J. F. BOWERS,
"*President.*"

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Lagorio moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 1907, and of the special meeting held August 5, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Geo. Martin McBean, Sec'y of Chicago Homeopathic Medical Society, requesting the Library Board to grant that society permission to meet in one of the smaller halls of the Library on the third Thursday in each month, from October to April, inclusive, from 8:30 to 10:30 p. m.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From Colin C. H. Fyffe, giving the status of the foreclosure proceedings in the case of the Michael Foley loan, etc.

Ordered to be filed.

From Rev. J. K. Brennan, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church, of Morgan Park, Ill., and from Rev. Chas. Lyons, of Riverside, Ill., requesting permission to draw books from the Library.

Director Brosseau moved that the petitions be granted.

Carried.

From the Commissioner of Buildings, Chicago, directing the Board to "place hand railings on the wall side of all stairways and place intermediate railings with five foot newels on all nine foot, six inch and ten foot center stairs."

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From Mrs. O. T. Hulburd, representing the Woodlawn Woman's Club, asking for a daily delivery of books at station No. 17 South.

The Secretary having stated that a daily delivery had been inaugurated at that station, the communication was ordered to be filed.

From citizens in the vicinity of 324 Blue Island avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at that number, under the care of Abraham Roth.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From A. L. Reynolds, 305 S. California avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his number.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. C. Schulte, 35 S. Forty-eighth avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at her store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. Clara F. Neeves, tendering her resignation as keeper of delivery station No. 6 South.

Director Brosseau moved that the resignation of Mrs. Neeves be accepted and that the transfer of this station to No. 441½ W. Sixty-third street, under the care of Mrs. Rosa M. Kellner, be approved.

Carried.

From Mrs. J. Burns, 5427 Jackson avenue and Violet C. Willson, praying the Board to remit the price of certain books which were burned in a fire at the former's home and in the latter's place of business.

Referred to the Librarian with power to act.

From Edwin F. Feltman, Samuel Kaplan, Hirsch Sabludowsky, John L. White, Israel Loewenberg and Alex. Grossman, pages, tendering their resignations as employés of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignations of the foregoing pages be accepted, and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for pages to fill the vacancies at a salary of $300 per annum each.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books, agreed upon by the Committee:

A list of current American books, 289 vols., to cost $310.

A list of current English books, 52 vols., to cost $75.

A list of French books, 147 vols., to cost $350.

A list of miscellaneous books, 30 vols., to cost $101.50,

A list of foreign books to be replaced, 1,780 vols., to cost $1,200.

A list of popular juvenile books to be replaced, 1,426 vols., to cost $900.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch library, 234 vols., to cost $238.

Director Brosseau moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau also recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated and be forwarded to the Librarian of Congress for a continuation of the Library's subscription to the Library of Congress catalog cards and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

He, also, recommended that a new Oliver typewriting machine be purchased for the registry department at a cost of $61.09, the company agreeing to take the old machine in exchange.

The recommendation was concurred in.

He, also, presented a list of incidental bills for continuations, subscription books, special books, etc., amounting to $45.20, and moved that the bills be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Also, the report of the Librarian for July and August, 1907, and recommended that it be printed and filed.

The recommendation was concurred in.

Also, the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Smithsonian Institution books.....$	20.45
A. C. McClurg & Co., books.....	167.04

The H. W. Wilson Co., books, etc.....	40.40
The Chicago Directory Co., directories..	75.00
Chas. MacDonald & Co , periodicals....	42.22
Russell-Kelly Co., books.....	19.80
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding.....	92.42
Geo. E. Koehler, binding.....	367.01
Joseph Flucke, binding.....	324.03
Toby Rubovits, lettering books.....	33.70
Gane Brothers & Co., paper.....	21.00
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery.....	19.25
Cameron, Amberg & Co., stationery....	4.45
Dennison Mfg. Co., printed labels.....	11.48
James Watson & Co., printing.....	9.50
Joseph F. Leaming & Co., book labels..	20.00
Bradner, Smith & Co., paper.....	19.46
Faulkner Ryan Co., printing.....	22.00
H. S. Parrish & Co., rubber dates, etc...	4.45
Wallior Ink Works, ink.....	6.00
B. F. Cummins Co., repairing perforators.....	8.00
Library Bureau, acme pockets.....	133.34
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for August, 1907...	125.97
	$1,586.97

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration begs leave to submit the following recommendations in regard to matters under its jurisdiction:

1. That the action of the Librarian in suspending Kittie Farrell, a janitress, on August 13th on account of irregularity in attendance, and in preferring charges against her before the Civil Service Commission, be approved.

2. That the Civil Service Commission be requested to separate from the service Charles Cohen, a page, who failed to report for duty on being ordered to do so at the expiration of a period of suspension.

3. That the Civil Service Commission be requested to separate from the service Thomas Shapiro and Edward J. McLary, probational pages, who have proved incompetent; and also Edward Friedman, a probational page, disqualified for the work on account of physical disability.

4. That the petition of Miss Ida B. Johnson, a clerk, requesting a change of hours, be filed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. ROULSTON,
A. LAGORIO,
JOHN W. ECKHART,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago, Sept. 9, 1907.

Director Roulston moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following report of vacancies, appointments and changes of salary for July and August, 1907, and recommended that it be received and filed.

The recommendation was concurred in.

John V. Scanlan, page, resigned July 1.

Gladys Arnold, clerk, resigned July 5.

Henry Schaefer, page, resigned July 11.

David Israelstam, page, discharged July 27.

Frank P. Stretton, page, resigned July 29.

Ralph Kennedy, page, resigned July 31.

Thomas Shapiro, page, discharged August 8.

Edward Friedman, page, discharged August 10.

Charles Cohen, page, discharged August 10.

Edward J. McLary, page, discharged August 12.

Edwin H. Feltman, page, resigned August 17.

Samuel Kaplan, page, resigned August 24.

Israel Sabludowsky, page, resigned August 24.

Alexander N. Grossman, page, resigned August 31.

Israel Loewenberg, page, resigned August 31.

Pages appointed, $300 per year:
Hirsch Sabludowsky, July 1.
Israel Loewenberg, July 1.
Frank P. Stretton, July 1.
Alexander N. Grossman, July 3.
Samuel Kaplan, July 5.
Claude Cody, July 11.
David Israelstam, July 15.
Edward J. McLary, July 22.
Thomas Shapiro, July 26.
George F. M. Reifschneider, Aug. 8.
Edward M. Peterson, August 12.

Clerk appointed, $400 per year:
Esther D. Hunt, August 12.

Clerk appointed, $600 per year (branch reading room):
Marie C. Reich, August 12.

Clerk decreased in salary, $600 to $400 per year:
Ida Mell, August 13 (on account of transfer from branch reading room to main Library).

Page increased in salary, $350 to $400 per year:
Harry Burlow, August 27.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee, Director Brosseau moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Brosseau recommended that the communication of John R. McCabe, asking that a delivery station be opened at the corner of Polk street and Ogden avenue, under the care of Emil E. Pick, be filed on account of its nearness to two stations already established.

Also, that an application for a delivery station at Grand Crossing at the store of J. C. Miller, 1330 E. Seventy-fifth street, be filed on account of its nearness to a station already established.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following bills and moved that they be approved and be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing motor car..	$ 15.00
Knox Automobile Co. of Illinois, parts for motor car	151.39
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	72.25
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., white waste	8.28
Hartford Rubber Works Co., motor tire	58.80
Diamond Rubber Co., motor tire	41.10
C. H. Hanson, auto plates	7.50
	$354.32

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds having had under consideration sundry matters relative to repairs to buildings, etc., begs leave to recommend

1. That the communication of John Heron, asking the Board to establish a reading room in connection with a public bath in the vicinity of Twenty-sixth street and Cottage Grove avenue, be filed; the project to establish the bath having been abandoned.

2. That a contract be awarded to Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works to furnish lubricating oil for the year ending August 31, 1908, at 55 cents per gallon, less 10 per cent, for cylinder oil, and 35 cents per gallon, less 10 per cent, for dynamo oil, said firm agreeing that the total

bills for the year shall not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

3. That the question of repairs to the Library buildings—such as tuck-pointing, copper work, replacing roof tiles, etc.—be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with power to act.

The cost of this work cannot be easily estimated as it must be done by the hour at about 75 cents per hour per workman.

4. That the Secretary be authorized to purchase thirty Geyser faucets at about $2.35 each, to be installed by our own help.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. NOVAK,
JULIUS STERN,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds,
Chicago, Sept. 16, 1907.

Director Novak moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

He, also, stated that a better method of transferring books from the upper and lower stacks to the middle stack than is now in use is very desirable, and that the Committee would recommend for this purpose the installation of two package lifts by Lamson Consolidated Store Service Company upon its proposal of $75 00.

The recommendation was concurred in.

He, also, stated that the increased circulation of books at the Blackstone branch library made it necessary to enlarge the charging desk and install shelves, etc., and that estimates had been received for this work from the following:

Library Bureau	$325.00
Geo. B. Meleny & Co	395.00

The material to be used to be mahogany, and the finish to be in the same style as the delivery desk now in place.

Director Novak moved that a contract be entered into with Library Bureau for this work upon its proposal of $325.00.

The motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Novak, also, stated that in accordance with the vote of the Board on Feb. 25, 1907, estimates had been received for bookcases with which to fit up the room back of the art stack room on the fifth floor of the building.

Also, estimates for two settees to be used in the circulating department of the Library as follows:

	Library Bureau.	Geo. B. Meleny & Co.
Two settees	$ 75.60	$ 80.00
One wall case	222.00	275.00
One double case	198.00	225.00
One double faced case	398.40	675.00
One special case with shelves and drawers	135.75	300.00
	$1,029.75	$1,555.00

Director Novak moved that a contract be entered into at this time with Library Bureau for the construction and installation of two settees to be of quarter sawed oak and finished to match the furniture in the delivery room as per sketch No. 2758, to cost $75.00, and one wall case to be installed in the room off the art stack room of the same material and finish as per sketch No. 6492, to cost $222.00.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart,

Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Novak, also, recommended that the Secretary be authorized to obtain bids and award a contract for seventy-five tons, more or less, of hard coal for the Blackstone branch library and the North avenue branch reading room, and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

He, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dnnne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service, Blackstone	15.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	43.71
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc light rental	15.20
J. F. McGuire, street sprinkling	30 00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	32.45
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	39.90
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	5.25
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	6.84
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., glasses, gaskets, etc.	6.77
Gallaher & Speck, repairing elevators	96.09
W. S. Salisbury & Co., rubber belt	24.96
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	31 50
Chicago Iron Store, soft steel	5.00
Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Co., globe valves	5.61
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	18.85
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	29.15
James H. Rice Co., benzine and turpentine	5.15
Wm. Dilley, brushes	34.50
Sprague, Warner & Co., soap	6.75
Morrisson, Plummer & Co., ammonia, glycerine, etc.	5.00
W. Kingsley Browne, cheese cloth	27.00
Magie Brothers, waste	12 58
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice	9.46
Commonwealth Electric Co., lighting Blackstone branch	148.80
Commonwealth Electric Co., incandescent lamps, Blackstone branch	5.20
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for August, 1907	34.04
Mitchell & Halbach, redecorating interior of Blackstone branch	445.00
	$1,573.76

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, presented the bill of Fred S. James & Co. for the premium on the bond of the Secretary amounting to $30.00 and moved that it be paid.

Carried.

He, also, presented a bill of Colin C. H. Fyffe for expenses in connection with the commencement of foreclosure proceedings in the case of the Michael Foley loan, amounting to $45.00, and moved that it be paid and be charged to the Ryder fund interest account.

Carried.

Also, a proposal from International Audit Company to audit the books and accounts of the Public Library quarterly for the year ending May 31, 1908, for the

sum of $100.00, and moved that the proposal be accepted.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Roulston moved that when the Board should adjourn it should adjourn until Monday, September 30, 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Stern stated that he had given some attention recently to the new park field houses being erected, and to be erected, in the West and North sides in which rooms are to be constructed for branch reading rooms of the Public Library, and moved that a special committee of three be appointed who shall give special attention to the construction of these rooms and whose further duty it shall be to take up and consider the question of providing free lectures during the approaching winter season to be given in the auditoriums of the various field houses where the Library has branch reading rooms, and report to the Board.

The President appointed as such special committee Directors Stern, Taylor and Roulston.

Director Roulston stated that in his judgment the automobiles which are kept in the court in the rear of the Library building should be protected from the weather by a building or shed and that there should be some one whose duty it should be to keep the automobiles clean.

He moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for investigation and report.

Carried.

The Librarian stated that ex-Director Robert S. McCormick desired the temporary use of one of the vacant rooms in the building for the purpose of sorting out various documents and papers collected by him in Europe, some of which he proposes to donate to the Public Library.

The request was granted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR JULY, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of July was 106,704, against 99,212 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 26 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,104.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	8,841	8,006
Books issued from stacks	23,820	21,692

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 1,466. Books consulted, 4,417.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 12. Average maximum attendance per hour, 20.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,068	1,878
Volumes consulted	9,583	8,780

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 284. Bound newspapers consulted, 438. Books for the blind circulated, 104.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 8,526. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 130. Average maximum attendance per hour, 177.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	15	19	..	1,683
No. 2	8	10	..	1,139
No. 3	7	15	..	930
No. 4	21	33	..	699
No. 5	9	12	..	863
No. 6	17	34	..	1,973
No. 7	21	32	..	844
No. 8	11	15	..	298
No. 9	16	25	..	688
No. 10	15	24	.	546

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 14. Average maximum attendance per hour, 22. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 5,361, of which 204 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 68,295, against 60,799 from 71 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 1,915, of which 903 were issued to males, and 1,012 to females. The registration of July, 1906, was 1,856. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,748.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies July 1, 1907	4,899
Number of books sent to binderies in July, 1907	2,808
Total number of books at binderies in July, 1907	7,707
Number of books received from binderies in July, 1907	3,208
Number of books at binderies July 31, 1907	4,499
Number of books repaired in Library in July, 1907	3,627

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library July 31, 1907, was 338,768. Received since June 1, 1907, 1,549; since July 1, 788. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 1,975; since July 1, 910. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 88; since July 1, 48. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 10; since July 1, 6.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9, 1907.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR AUGUST. 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of August was 106,064, against 100,276 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 27 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 3,928.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	9,878	8,796
Books issued from stacks	27,564	24,244

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,117. Books consulted, 6,570.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 11. Average maximum attendance per hour, 20.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,116	1,754
Volumes consulted	9,729	8,110

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 297. Bound newspapers consulted, 547. Books for the blind circulated, 85.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,204. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 145. Average maximum attendance per hour, 206.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated
No. 1	14	19	..	1,698
No. 2	9	13	..	1,062
No. 3	9	21	..	875
No. 4	23	43	..	603
No. 5	10	14	..	955
No. 6	22	42	..	2,014
No. 7	22	29	..	930
No. 8	12	17	..	210
No. 9	15	21	..	575
No. 10	17	23	..	565

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 14. Average maximum attendance per hour, 28. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 5,432, of which 235 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 68 delivery stations was 65,648, against 61,979 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 1,994, of which 983 were issued to males, and 1,011 to females. The registration of August, 1906, was 1,909. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,030.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies August 1, 1907	4,499
Number of books sent to binderies in August	1,145
Total number of books at binderies in August	5,644
Number of books received from binderies in August	1,837
Number of books at binderies August 31, 1907	3,807
Number of books repaired in Library in August	3,583

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library August 31, 1907, was 338,628. Received since June 1, 1907, 1,965; since August 1, 416. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 2,468; since August 1, 493. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 151; since August 1, 63. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 19; since August 1, 9.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart and Novak.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Roulston the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 1907, and of the special meeting held September 16, 1907, were approved as recorded and printed without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From H. C. Allen, M. D., President, and G. P. Waring, M. D., Secretary, of the Regular Homeopathic Medical Society, requesting the Board to grant that Society the use of one of the rooms in the Library building for its monthly meetings.

Director Roulston stated that a similar petition from Chicago Homeopathic Medical Society had been referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds at last meeting and moved that this petition be referred to the same Committee, and that it be given power to act in the matter of both petitions.

Carried.

From Wirt W. Hallam, corresponding secretary of the Chicago Society of Social Hygiene, requesting permission of the Board to hold a public meeting of that society in the room for the blind on Tuesday, October 22, 1907.

Director Lagorio moved that the request of Mr. Hallam be granted on condition that the meeting be not only public but free to all.

Carried.

From Rev. James Wesley Vallentyne, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, praying the Board to

grant him the privilege of drawing books from the Library.

Director Stern moved that the request of Mr. Vallentyne be granted.

Carried.

From H. Eichelberger, 1258 Lincoln avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Katharine A. Schulte, clerk, and Harry Burlow, page, tendering their resignations as employés of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignations be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for one clerk at $400 per annum and one page at $300 per annum to fill the vacancies.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Director Stern called the attention of the Board to its acceptance at its last meeting of the bid of Library Bureau for certain furniture for the room in the rear of the stack room of the art department and moved that two additional cases of the list be now ordered at a cost of $333.75.

The motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee Director Stern moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open board.

Carried.

Director Stern then presented the following lists of books and moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 180 vols., to cost $200.00.

A list of current English books, 37 vols., to cost $75.00.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 318 vols., to cost $300.00.

A list of popular fiction to replace wornout copies, 865 vols., to cost $800.00.

A list of Tauchnitz books to replace wornout copies, 584 vols., to cost $200.00.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch library, 83 vols., to cost $85.00.

A list of miscellaneous books, 13 vols., to cost $42.09.

Director Stern, also, presented a list of bills for continuations, special books, etc., amounting to $20.10, and moved that they be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Stern reported progress in the matter of the plans for enlarging the automobile shed in the court in the rear of the building and asked for further time.

Further time was granted.

Director Stern further stated that it is very inconvenient and almost impossible for members of the Board to visit and inspect the various delivery stations and

branch reading rooms of the Library on account of the time required when going by street cars and other public conveyances and moved that the question of the purchase of a touring car for general library purposes be referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations for investigation, and if found feasible, that the Committee be authorized to advertise for bids for such automobile and report to the Board.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

Director Stern stated that as President Schneider of the Board of Education had informed him that that Board intended, during the next year, to build some fifteen school buildings, he believed the time opportune for taking steps looking toward closer relations between the Library Board and the Board of Education than has heretofore existed.

Director Taylor moved that the subject of co-operation with the Board of Education, with a view to the construction in new school buildings of a room suitable for a branch library or reading room, and the provision of such a room in the old buildings, be referred to the special committee appointed at last meeting upon the construction of similar rooms in the new park field houses.

Carried.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Eckhart.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held September 30, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the City Controller requesting the Board to furnish to him an estimate of the amount of money required to maintain the Public Library for the year 1908.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication was received from ex-Director Colin C. H. Fyffe enclosing a certified copy of Appellate Court proceedings in the case, "City of Chicago, Plaintiff in Error, No. 13439, vs. County of Cook, Defendant in Error."

Ordered to be made part of the records and filed.

OCT. 14. 1907.

To the Honorable, the Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—I beg to report to you concerning the case of City of Chicago vs. County of Cook in which a decision has just been handed down by Judge Adams of the Appellate Court of the First District. A decree had been rendered by Judge Mack of the Circuit Court adverse to the claim of the Library Board. This is now affirmed by Judge Adams, but the affirmance is given in an opinion which is a victory upon the merits for the contention of the Library. I wish now to explain to you the whole matter.

Ever since the establishment of the Public Library, in 1872, the county clerk of Cook County has extended the tax levied by the City of Chicago for the maintenance of the Library as a separate tax from the taxes levied by the City for

its corporate purposes and for the payment of principal and interest on corporate indebtedness and has certified to the county collector an additional charge of two cents (2c) for separate extension on each tract or lot and each person's personal tax, and the county collector has each year reserved from the amount of the Library tax payable to the City the amount so certified to him. The amounts so reserved, by reason of the extension of the Library tax in a separate column, has been since 1898 more than $12,000, and has been about $16,000 since the Act of 1905, which gave the county clerk the right to reserve from each taxing authority three cents (3c) instead of the former two cents (2c) per item. The question involved was the construction of paragraph 11 of Section 4 of the Act of July 1, 1872, providing for the fees of certain officers in counties of the third class, that is to say in Cook County. Under the original Act it was provided that one cent (1c) and under the Act of '74 two cents (2c), and under the Act of 1905 that three cents (3c) might be reserved for each item "to be paid by the authority for whose benefit the tax is extended." The Library Board has, at least since 1899, claimed that this charge was illegal on the ground that it is not an "authority" under the Act; that the only authority is the City of Chicago; that the Library Board levies no tax, and that the tax levied by the City for its benefit should be spread upon the tax books as part of the City's tax, just as the tax for interest and principal of bonded indebtedness is spread as part of the City's general tax.

A bill was filed December 13, 1904, by the City of Chicago against the County of Cook for the purpose of compelling an accounting of the sums theretofore reserved by the county collector. The bill was filed by me at the request of the Board. The proceeding adopted was a bill for accounting in equity instead of an action at law. The reason of this was that, the Law Courts being three or four years behind in their business, it seemed hopeless to get a final decision under (including appeals) five (5) years, and if there were any chance of sustaining the bill in equity I considered it better to treat the matter in this way, inasmuch as we could, in a court of equity, get a speedy hearing. That there has not been a decision of the merits before this is due to other reasons which will be shown.

The County of Cook filed a demurrer to the bill, raising simply the question whether the bill was good at law, and admitting, for the sake of argument, the facts as alleged. Judge Mack, before whom the case came, gave his decision for the defendant on the ground that the matter had gone on so long in the same way that he considered that the action of the County in reserving each year this amount and the action of the City in acquiescing until the opinion of the corporation counsel's office was given, in, I think 1900, amounted to a binding construction of the law, even though it might be contrary to the true view. He intimated, however, that he was with our contention as an original proposition, unaffected by the course of action of the Municipal bodies. An appeal was taken direct from Judge Mack's decision to the Supreme Court on the ground that the case was a case affecting the revenue. On its own motion the Supreme Court dismissed the appeal on the ground that the case was not a revenue case, holding that the appeal should have gone in the first instance to the Appellate Court. This decision is to be found in 224 Ill., 96. I then took out a writ of error at the March term, 1907, to the Appellate Court. The decision of the Supreme Court was not rendered until the October term of that Court; hence the next term of the Appellate Court for the First District, to which we could go, was the March term, 1907. The case came to that term of the Court.

Briefs were filed by both sides and the matter finally argued and the case taken under advisement. Judge Adams' decision and judgment was entered October 4, 1907.

The Appellate Court in this decision holds that the Library Board or the Public Library is not an authority in the sense that the word is used in the Statuté; that the City of Chicago alone is the authority for whose benefit the tax is levied; hence in the most conclusive way the Court reasons that the withholding of the money throughout the past thirty-five (35) years has been illegal. I send you a certified copy of the decision. The reason the Court affirms the decision of Judge Mack is on the ground that the true remedy lies in a Court of Law; that there is an adequate remedy there. I do not wholly agree with this decision. I believe that, on strictly technical grounds, a bill lies properly for this purpose in the Court of Equity on the principle that the accounting is one which is too complicated to take before a jury, and on the further ground that there is a trust involved. For this reason I have gone ahead and effected an appeal to the Supreme Court. The case will come before that Court at the December term. In the meantime, by an arrangement with the County Attorney, I expect to start a suit at law, covering the amounts due since the bill in chancery was filed. On this we can get a decision, I think, before the first of the year, in the Circuit Court.

I wish particularly to call this point to the attention of the Board, that Judge Adams' decision ought to prevent the county clerk from making the same charge for this year's taxes. At all events, unless the merits of Judge Adams' decision are reversed by the Supreme Court, there should be no longer this illegal retention. I believe that at least $60,000, and perhaps much more, can be recovered from the County in time under this claim.

Very truly yours,
COLIN FYFFE.

COPY OF DECISION.

No. 43-13439.

City of Chicago, Plaintiff in Error, vs. County of Cook, Defendant in Error.	Error to Circuit Court of Cook County.

STATEMENT.

This is a writ of error to reverse a decree of the Circuit Court, dismissing, for want of equity, a bill filed by plaintiff in error against defendant in error. The parties will be referred to as complainant and defendant. It is stated in the bill, in substance, as follows: The complainant is incorporated under the act of 1872 for the incorporation of cities and villages, and, about April 1, 1872, passed an ordinance establishing a public library for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Chicago, which library is called in the ordinance The Chicago Public Library, and which ordinance has since continued in force. Since the establishment of said library, complainant, in pursuance of the statute authorizing the same, has annually levied a tax for the maintenance of the same. The county clerk of Cook County has, in each year since the establishment by complainant of said library, extended the tax levied by complainant for the maintenance of the library as a separate tax from the taxes levied by complainant for its corporate purposes and for the payment of interest and principal of its corporate indebtedness, and has certified to the county collector an additional charge of two cents for said separate extension on each tract or lot and each person's personal tax, by reason of the extension of said library tax in a separate column and as a separate tax, and the county collector has reserved each year, from the amount of said library tax payable to complainant, the amount so certified to him. The amounts so reserved by the county collector in the years 1898 to 1902, both inclusive, being more than $11,000 in 1898 and more than $12,000 in each of the succeeding

years, are then set out in the bill. The county collector has, from time to time, paid to the county treasurer of said County the said moneys so reserved by him, and the same are a trust fund for the benefit of complainant in the hands of said County. The county collector has no lawful right to extend said library tax in a separate column or to reserve said moneys. The prayer is for an accounting, and that the moneys found due to complainant be decreed to be paid to complainant by the defendant. The defendant demurred generally, and the court sustained the demurrer and dismissed the bill for want of equity.

OPINION BY ADAMS, J.

The question discussed by counsel in their arguments are, whether the City or the Library Board is the "authority" to which the library tax is payable, within the meaning of the statutes concerning fees and salaries; whether the library tax should or not be extended in a separate column from the general taxes levied by the City for its corporate purposes, and whether there is or not a complete and adequate remedy at law. These questions will be considered in the order stated.

Paragraph 2 of section 4 of "An act to provide for fees of certain officers therein named in counties of the third class, "in force July 1, 1872, provides, in respect to the fees of the county clerk, as follows: "For extending other than State and County taxes, one cent for each tract or lot, and each person's personal tax, to be paid by the authority for whose benefit the tax is extended, and it shall be the duty of the county clerk to certify to the county collector the amount due from each authority, and the collector, in his settlement with such authority, shall reserve such amount from the amount due and payable to such authority." Hurd's Stat. 1874, p. 525. By an act approved and in force March 2, 1874, the compensation for such extension is increased to "two cents for each tax on each tract or lot, and each person's personal tax" (Hurd's Stat. 1903, p. 972), and by an act in force July 1, 1905, the compensation for such extension is increased to three cents. Hurd's Stat. 1905, p. 1072. The amendatory acts provide, as does the act of 1872, that the fee for extension is "to be paid by the authority for whose benefit the tax is extended," and in providing that "the collector, in his settlement with such authority, shall reserve such amount from the amount due and payable by him to such authority." The defendant contends that the authority meant by the statute is, in respect to the library tax, the Library Board, and complainant contends that it is the City of Chicago. We think it very clear that the authority intended is the City. It is the City which is authorized by the statute to establish and maintain a public library and to levy taxes for that purpose, and it is the City that levies the tax and certifies the levy to the county clerk, and the City is the authority to which taxes levied by it are due from and payable by the collector. The county collector has nothing to do with the Library Board. His settlement must be with the authority levying the tax, and this authority must be a corporate authority, because only corporate authorities can levy taxes, and the library board is not a corporate authority, because its members are neither elected by the people or appointed in a mode to which the people have given their consent.

Harvard vs. St. Clair Drainage Co., 51 Ill., 130.

The nine directors constituting the library board are appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the city council, and are removable by him, the mayor, with the approval of the city council, "for misconduct or neglect of duty," and the people of the City, never by vote or otherwise, expressed their consent to the ap-

pointment of the directors of the library. The directors have no control of the money raised by taxation for library purposes except to expend it for such purposes, and can only procure such money from the City, and not at all from the county collector. Section 5 of the library act provides in respect to the directors: "They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose: Provided, that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said City to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such City, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said City, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board." The words "shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of said City" indicate, by necessary implication, that the library fund is city money.

We think the decision in The People vs. Florville, 207 Ill., 79, 87, decisive that the tax for library purposes is a City tax. The court say: "It is contended, however, by appellant, that the appropriations for library purposes are not governed by the law with reference to general appropriations, and sections 1 and 13 of the library act are cited in support of the contention. A careful examination of these sections will show that the construction insisted upon is not warranted. Section 13 expressly provides that the appropriation for library purposes shall be included by the city council in its appropriation bill, and section 1 provides that said tax shall be levied as other taxes for city purposes."

Should the library tax be extended as a separate tax and in a separate column from other city taxes as contended by counsel for the defendant? The general law for the incorporation of cities and villages was approved April 10, 1872, at the same session of the general assembly at which the act of 1872, providing for the fees of certain officers in counties of the third class, was passed. Section 1 of article 8 of the city and village incorporation law, after providing that the city council shall ascertain the total amount of appropriations for all corporate purposes legally made and to be collected from the tax levy of that fiscal year, and by ordinance levy such amount on all property in the city subject to taxation, provides further, in this language: "A certified copy of such ordinance shall be filed with the county clerk of the proper county, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the rate per cent which, upon the total valuation of all property subject to taxation within the city or village, as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County purposes, will produce a net amount of not less than the amount so directed to be levied and assessed, and it shall be the duty of the county clerk to extend such tax *in a separate column* upon the book, or books, of the collector, or collectors, of State and County taxes within such city or village." Hurd's Stat. 1874, p. 231, and of 1895, p. 311. By this section the county clerk is clearly directed to extend "the total amount of all appropriations for corporate purposes" of the city against the taxable property in the city as assessed and equalized, applying the ascertained rate per cent to each lot, piece or parcel of land and each person's personal tax, and to make such extension in a separate column. The library tax is for a corporate purpose of the city within the meaning of the phrase corporate purposes, as defined by the Supreme Court. Wetherell vs. Divine, 116 Ill., 631, 637.

The revenue acts are harmonious with section 1 of article 8 above referred to. Section 125 of the revenue act of 1872, in reference to the collector's books, provides, "said books to contain proper col-

umns for the extension of the several kinds of taxes." The word "kinds" refers to the state and county taxes and the taxes levied or certified to the county clerk by the divisions of counties mentioned in section 127, which provides: "The said clerk shall estimate and determine the rate per cent upon the proper valuation of property in the respective towns, townships, districts and incorporated cities, towns and villages in their counties that will produce, within the proper divisions of such counties, not less than the net amount of the several sums that shall be required by the county board, or certified to them according to law."

"Section 128. All state and county taxes shall be extended by the respective county clerks upon the property in their counties, upon the valuation produced by the equalization and assessment of property by the state board of equalization. Town, district, village, city and other taxes shall also be extended against such assessment and equalized valuation of property within their respective jurisdictions. In the extension of taxes, the fraction of a cent shall be extended as one cent."

These provisions are not materially changed by subsequent enactment, and evidently contemplate that all the taxes of an incorporated city, town or village, or other of the divisions mentioned, shall be extended together and in a column separate from the columns in which other taxes are extended. The contention of appellant's counsel that the library tax is for the benefit of the library board, and is a separate and distinct tax, and therefore should be extended in a column by itself, cannot be sustained. The library act declares the library to be "for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the city," and the inhabitants of the city are the city. Bouvier's Law Dictionary; Webster's Dictionary. Shakespeare's language, "What is the city but the people?" "True, the people are the city," is as applicable now as it was in Queen Elizabeth's time.

It is true that by the incorporation law, Art. 1, Sec. 8, the appropriation for each corporate purpose must be specified, but it is "the total amount of appropriations for all corporate purposes" which is required to be levied. Section 4 of the same article provides, "Whenever any city or village is required to levy a tax for the payment of any particular debt appropriation or liability of the same, the tax for such purpose shall be included in the total amount assessed by the city council or board of trustees and certified to the county clerk as aforesaid." The county clerk, in extending the city tax, has nothing to do with the different appropriations made by the city council, but only with "the total amount of appropriations for all corporate purposes." If the county clerk can single out the appropriation for the maintenance of the public library and extend the tax for such appropriation in a separate column from other city taxes, then he may so extend the tax for each and every appropriation, thus multiplying the compensation fixed by statute for extension by the number of appropriations. Such cannot be the law.

It is averred in the bill "that the accounting to ascertain how much is due to your orator, by reason of said reservations by the county collectors, is complicated with credits and debits, both for and against your orator and for and against said county clerk, and involves a mass of figures and connections with other accounts, which would make it inexpedient and impossible for a jury to pass intelligently upon said accounts in any action at law." It is also averred in the bill that "said sums, as aforesaid, being reserved by the county collector, the same became and are trust funds for the use and benefit of your orator in the hands of said County of Cook."

In view of these averments counsel for complainant contend that resort to a

court of equity is necessary, while defendant's counsel contend that the remedy, by action at law, is complete and adequate. It is not averred in the bill that the city owes the county anything. Therefore there are no mutual accounts to be settled. The only money alleged to be due from the county to the city is the total of the sums averred to have been reserved by the county collector in each of several years and paid by him into the county treasury. The prayer of the bill is that an accounting be had, etc., and that said County of Cook may be decreed to pay over all such moneys so found to be due to complainant, or held in trust by said county for complainant.

Tax lists, books showing the extension of taxes, and warrants for the collection of taxes, are required by statute to be kept by the county clerk. Hurd's Rev. Stat. 1874, sections 123, 127, 132, 169. These books are county records and must be presumed to be in the possession of the county, and if the tax for library purposes was extended in a column separate from that in which other city taxes were extended, these books will show each tract or lot and each person's personal tax, and the compensation to be paid for extension is fixed by statute. Having these data, the sum reserved in each year by the county collector can be readily ascertained. The court, notwithstanding the general averments of the bill, will not ignore, but will take notice of the statutory provisions. The complainant, as appears by the bill, ascertained the sums claimed to have been illegally reserved by the county collector in the years 1868 to 1902, both inclusive, and the bill states the sums positively and not under a videlicet. If the county collector paid into the county treasury moneys illegally reserved by him, then an action at law for money had and received by the county, which in equity and good conscience it should pay to the city, will lie. We do not understand that the county is a trustee for the city, in respect to the money, in the sense that a court of equity has exclusive or even concurrent jurisdiction.

In Pomeroy's Eq. Juris., 3rd ed., sec. 178, the author says: "Cases in which the remedy is the mere recovery of money do not ordinarily come under the concurrent jurisdiction." This is also said in the same section, pp. 216-218, "For example, whenever an action at law will furnish an adequate remedy, equity does not assume jurisdiction because an *accounting is demanded or needed;* nor because the case involves or arises from fraud; nor because a contribution is sought from persons jointly indebted; *nor even to recover money held in trust*, where an action for money had and received will lie," citing in support of the last proposition Crooker v. Rogers, 58 Me., 339.

In county of Cook v. Davis, 143 Ill., 151, the bill alleged that Davis, while treasurer of the county, received divers large sums of money, the amount of which was unknown, for interest upon, or as compensation for, the loan or deposit with divers banks, bankers and other persons, whose names are unknown. The bill prayed for an accounting and payment. The circuit court dismissed the bill and the Supreme court affirmed the decree, saying among other things: "If the money alleged to have been received and not accounted for came to his hands as treasurer, and is by law secured to be paid by his official bond, suit at law could be maintained thereon. If he received funds not within the contract obligation of his bond, but which he is nevertheless bound by law to pay over to the county, an action at law affords ample remedy for enforcing the personal liability of Appellee therefor, which is all that is sought by this bill. Where a court of law is competent to afford an adequate and ample remedy, courts of equity will remit the parties to the courts of law, where the right of trial by jury is secured to them.

In such cases either party has a right to demand that the matter of the defendant's liability be submitted to a jury according to the course of the common law, and unless some special and substantial ground of equity jurisdiction be alleged, and, if necessary, proved, such as that a lien exists for the money demand which cannot be adequately enforced at law, or that discovery is necessary to a recovery by complainant, or other like equitable considerations affecting the adequacy of the remedy at law, courts of equity will decline to interfere."

In the case cited both elements relied on in this case, in support of equity jurisdiction, existed. An accounting was sought, and if money belonging to the county came to Davis' hands, as county treasurer, he held it in trust for the county. A much stronger case for the interposition of a court of equity was stated by the bill in case cited than is stated by the bill in this case.

The decree of the circuit court dismissing the bill for want of equity will be affirmed.

AFFIRMED.

I, Alfred R. Porter, clerk of Appellate Court. in and for the First District of the State of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify That the foregoing is a true copy of the opinion of the said Appellate Court in said cause, as appears of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Appellate Court, at Chicago, this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven.

ALFRED R. PORTER,
[SEAL] *Clerk of the Appellate Court of the First District.*

Ordered to be made a part of the records and filed.

Ex-Director Fyffe being present, was called upon by the President to make any further statement which he desired regarding the foregoing case.

Mr. Fyffe made some further explanation, after which he withdrew from the room.

Communications were, also, received as follows:

From Arthur Bartley Rowell, superintendent of schools, Glencoe, Ill., praying the Board to allow him to draw books from the Library and submitting two applications for cards, one for a regular reader's card and one for a teacher's card.

Director Brosseau moved that the request of Mr. Rowell be granted and that he be allowed a regular borrower's card only, which will permit him to draw one book at a time from the Library.

Carried.

From H. L. Lucas, praying the Board to reconsider its decision denying the petition of J. C. Miller for a delivery station at his store, 1330 E. Seventy-fifth street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Ernest A. Hart, assistant engineer, praying the Board to grant him compensation for ten days lost in September and October, 1907, on account of severe illness and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From A. M. Oberman, page, praying the Board to allow him to substitute an experienced attendant from five to six p. m. on Monday and Wednesday of each week on account of his being detained at medical lectures those two hours.

There being no objection the petition was granted.

From Thos. J. Dwyer, page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Stern moved that the resignation be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $300 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That the following books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 180 vols., to cost $193.

A list of current English books, 15 vols., to cost $35.

A list of miscellaneous books, 17 vols., to cost $40.

A list of books for the branch reading rooms to replace wornout and missing copies, 346 vols., to cost $400.

2. That one Underwood typewriting machine be purchased for the patent and public document department at a cost of $100 less the usual amount.

3. That a nine-tray standard cabinet for West Madison street reading room be purchased at a cost of $18.

4. That a list of bills for continuations, reports of societies and special books, amounting to $43.75, be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

5. That the report of the Librarian for September, 1907, be received and be printed and filed.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau, also, presented the following bills, agreed upon by the Committee, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$1,001.35
Bernard Tauchnitz, books	200.00
B. F. Stevens & Brown, books, etc., £129/3/6 (est.)	629 08
Otto Harrassowitz, books, Marks 2705.80 (est)	649.39
Em. Terquem, books, etc., Francs 222 (est.)	44.40
G. E. Stechert & Co., periodicals and books	11.53
International Textbook Co., books	113.22
James E. O'Neill, books	48.50
D. Appleton & Co., books	40.00
The State Historical Society of Iowa, books	32.00
Cedric Chivers, Ltd., books	10.35
The University Society, Inc., books	16.50
The Morris Book Shop, books	28.25
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	42.22
R. S. Henshaw, subscription to newspapers	24.60
Matthew Bell & Co., binding, £26/15/6 (est.)	130.36
Joseph Flucke, binding	299.04
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	332.06
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	185.60
The Barrett Bindery Co., binders	8.00
Library Bureau, cards	45.91
A. L. A. Publishing Board, cards	5.36
Holmes Mfg. Co., embossing memorandum heads	8.55
James Watson & Co., printing	22.20
Northern Bank Note Co., making checks	30.00
Cameron, Amberg & Co., cutting and blocking charging checks	57 75
Riddle & Wunderle Co., stationery	28.90
Kirk's Ink Co., ink	4.80

H. S. Parrish & Co., rubber stamps, etc.	9.23
P. A. Salisbury-Schulz Co., date holders	9.00
Toby Rubovits, printing titles	8.00
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	7.59
Midland Paper Co., paper	6.81
The Oliver Typewriter Co., typewriting machine	61.09
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for September, 1907	98.28
	$1,249.92

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston reported the suspension by the Librarian of Herman Weitzman on October 3rd, inst., for incompetency and moved that the action of the Librarian be concurred in and that the suspension be made permanent.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills regularly audited and approved and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing auto car.	$ 15 00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	90.00
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline gas engine oil	22.73
Knox Automobile Company, of Illinois, parts for auto cars	53.15
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., motor tire	46.72
The Diamond Rubber Co., motor tire	46.72
The Whitney Mfg. Co., transmission chain	119.00
Tuthill Spring Co., motor car springs	40.00
Wayman & Murphy, curtain and repairs to motor cars	7.00
	$440.32

Director Cigrand, also, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations having had under consideration sundry petitions for delivery stations respectfully recommends that they be filed as follows:

1. The petition of Mrs. C. Schulte, No. 35 S. Forty-eighth avenue, on account of the lack of patronage of a station recently closed in that neighborhood.

2. The petition of A. Roth, No. 324 Blue Island avenue, on account of his nearness to our branch reading room at No. 21 Blue Island avenue.

3. The petition of A. L. Reynolds, No. 305 S. California avenue, on account of his nearness to our delivery station at Harrison street and Albany avenue.

4. The petition of H. Eichelberger, No. 1258 Lincoln avenue, on account of his being only five or six blocks from our station at No. 701 Belmont avenue.

5. The petition of J. C. Miller, who renews his application through H. L. Lucas, for a station at No. 1330 E. Seventy-fifth street, on account of its nearness to a station at 1079 E. Seventy-fifth street.

6. Your Committee is informed that the delivery station department is in need of fifty new trunks for transportation of books and would recommend that they be purchased in the usual manner at an estimated cost of five dollars each.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. J. CIGRAND,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

Chicago, Oct. 14, 1907.

Director Cigrand moved that the report be adopted.

Director Stern moved as a substitute that the report be taken up and be acted upon seriatim.

Carried.

Sections 1 to 5 were then read and were unanimously adopted.

Director Cigrand moved that section 6 providing for the purchase of fifty new trunks for the use of the delivery station department be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Cigrand, also, presented the following:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations to which was referred the investigation looking to the purchase of a touring car or automobile for the purpose of making visitations to the several branch libraries and numerous delivery stations more certain and more rapid begs leave to report unfavorably on the proposition on account of the cost and maintenance of the machine; hence for the present your Committee recommends that the purchase of an automobile for this purpose be deferred.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. J. CIGRAND,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

Chicago, Oct. 14, 1907.

Director Cigrand moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That an arc light, including a distributing board and a run of incandescent lamps, be installed in the automobile repair shop in the court of the Library building at a cost estimated at eighty to one hundred dollars.

2. That an additional traveling tackle trolley be ordered and be installed in the automobile repair shed at a cost estimated at one hundred and twenty dollars.

3. That a double faced book case for the art department be ordered from the Library Bureau at a cost of $398.40, this being the last item of the list of furniture contained in the bid of that house accepted by the Board on September 16th ult.

4. That the action of the Committee since last meeting of the Board in ordering an additional thousand slate tiles for the roof of the building to cost 14 cents each be approved, this action having been taken on account of there being a much greater number of rotten and worthless tiles on the roof than had been estimated.

Director Roulston was excused and left the room.

Director Novak moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Novak presented the following bills audited and approved and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc , Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Milwaukee Ave. Improvement Ass'n, sprinkling, etc	7.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	33.11
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	27.68
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	33.33
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
The Armour Soap Works, washing powder	10.54
Sprague, Warner & Co., soap	6.75
Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., lounge pillow covers	11.10
J. F. McGuire, street sprinkling	30.00
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service	94.25
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	861.13
Samuel Harris & Co., engineering supplies	4.20
Western Tube Co., engineering supplies.	4.63
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works	4.65
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	5.25
Keasbey & Mattison Co., magnesia covering	7.20
McMaster-Carr Supply Co	9.84
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste, etc	13.45
Illinois Electric Co., key sockets, etc	47.18
Jandus Electric Co., engineering supplies	56.06
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	20.70
Bullard & Gormley Co., misc. hardware.	28.78
Eliel & Loeb, insurance on books, etc., at reading room	19.55
F. O. Baumann Mfg Co., carpenter work	67 58
Vierling, McDowell & Co., repairing, etc., iron sash at N. entrance	95.38
Hills-McCanna Co., engineering supplies	8.40
Central Rubber Co., rubber matting	41.11
E. Baggot Co., plumbing supplies and labor	52.40
Lamson Consolidated Store Service Co., cash lifts	75.00
Western Slate Co., 1,000 tiles	140.00
Commonwealth Edison Co., lighting Blackstone library	102.00
L. H. Prentice Co., installing brass hoods over registers	81.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for September, 1907	32.63
	$2,465.88

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Novak, for the Committee, presented the report of the International Audit Company upon its audit of the books and accounts of the Library for June, July and August, 1907, and its bill amounting to $25.00.

He moved that the report be printed and filed and that the bill be ordered paid.

Carried.

CHICAGO, October 14th, 1907.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Gentlemen:—We have carefully audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the three months ending 31st August, 1907.

We submit the following statements prepared from the books of the Library, all of which we certify to be correct.

1. Ledger Balances, 31st August, 1907.

2. Statement of Quarterly Receipts & Expenditure of the Library Fund, from 1st June, 1907, to 31st August, 1907.

3 Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements, for the months of June, July and August, 1907.

We have pleasure in recording that we found the books to be carefully and correctly kept.

Yours respectfully,

THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT COMPANY.

(Signed) By JOHN MCLAREN,
President.

(Signed) ROBERT NELSON, C. A.,
Certified Public Accountant, Manager.

Ledger Balances, 31st August, 1907.

DEBITS.

Due from Comptroller	$609,713.45
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00
Tax Warrants—City of Chicago	30,000 00
Real Estate—Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00
Cash	29,642.32
	$839,055.77

CREDITS.

Public Library Fund:			
Fund of 1879 and prior years		$ 23,534.44	
Library Fund		352,553.49	
Delinquent Taxes		28,395.38	
Reserve for Interest		230.14	
		404,713.45	
Reserve for Reduction of 1907 Appropriation	175,000.00		
Reserve for loss and cost of 1906 taxes	30,000 00		
		205,000.00	
		$609,713.45	
W. H. Ryder Fund	10,000.00		
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,074.62		
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00		
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,667.85		
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00		
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	12,194.61		
Security Deposits	965.25		
Special Deposits	100.00		
Incidental Fund	339.99		
		229,342.32	
			$839,055.77

Public Library Fund, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Three Months Ending 31st August, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund, 1st June, 1907	$403,661.86
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,425.37
Interest on Balances in City Treasury	122.49
	$405,209.72

EXPENDITURE.

Books		$ 2,477.24	
Newspapers and Periodicals		469.81	
Binding		3,498.71	
Books lost and paid for—Refunds		26.00	
Finding Lists		42.13	
Freight and Expressage		37.77	
Postage		166.00	
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous		944.14	
Branch Reading Rooms "		1,371.53	
Salaries:			
Main Library	$32,067.84		
Branch Reading Rooms	2,231.69		
Delivery Stations	3,590.90		
		37,890.43	
Miscellaneous Expense		714.43	
Printing and Stationery		800.43	
Fuel		828.85	
Heating and Generating Plant		224.99	
Electric Supplies and Repairs		19.53	
Elevator Supplies and Repairs		96.09	
Repairs, Alterations, etc		251.99	
Janitors Expense		242.41	
Furniture and Fixtures		217.50	
Insurance		170.32	
Blackstone Branch Library		1,712.64	
		$52,203.24	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants		452.99	
			52,656.23
Balance Library Fund, 31st August, 1907			$352,553.49

DUE FROM COMPTROLLER, AT 31ST AUGUST, 1907.

Public Library Fund, 1879 and prior years	$ 23,534.44
Public Library Fund 1907	352,553.49
Delinquent Taxes	28,395.38
Reserve for Accrued Interest	230.14
Reserve for loss and cost, taxes of 1906	30,000.00
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation 1907	175,000.00
	$609,713.45

CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THREE MONTHS ENDING 31ST AUGUST, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

	June, 1907.	July, 1907.	August, 1907.
Cash balance at close of previous month	$15,260.67	$27,932.51	$28,164.47
Tax Warrants	27,500.00	15 000.00	.....
Comptroller for Incidental Fund	212.85	155.83	354.36
Miscellaneous Receipts	22.70	13.07	11.65
Finding Lists	35.69	27.75	33.64
Books lost and paid for	46.65	60.70	64.45
Deposits	97.75	231.00	191.00
Fines	760.53	732.74	724 88
Kelly Fund Income	167.80	242.72	1,500.00
Ryder Fund Income	2.60	140.35	.....
Beecher Fund Income	10.41	23.67	.....
	$44,117.65	$44,560.34	$31,044.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Comptroller	$ 485.30	$ 467.89	$ 472.18
Deposits Repaid	122.50	207.25	207.50
Books	25.00	102.94	36.83
Newspapers and Periodicals	3 90	10.25	.....
Books lost and paid for—Refunds	5.00	6.75	14.25
Freight and Expressage	13.18	14.95	9.64
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	9.35	19.15	3.50
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	2.00	3 25	9.28
Blackstone Branch Library	5.60	.32	1.23
Miscellaneous Expense	25.65	115.60	13.00
Postage	45.00	65.00	56.00
Printing and Stationery	3.25	6.25	9.25
Heating and Generating Plant	10.44	7.58	7.13
Electric Supplies and Repairs	2.81	2.32	.90
Janitors' Expense	4.65	.....	.....
Pension Fund	360.27	366.37	362.44
Ryder Fund Income—Books Purchased	41.24	.....	.....
Tax Warrants	15,000.00	15,000.00	.....
	$16,185.14	$16,395.87	$ 1,202.13
Cash on hand at close of month	27,932.51	28,164.47	29,842.32
	$44,117.65	$44,560.34	$31,044.45

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	June, 1907.	July, 1907.	August, 1907.
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	1,934.27	2,074.62	2,074.62
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,644.18	1,667.85	1,667.85
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	10,451.89	10,694.61	12,194.61
Incidental Fund	344.17	145.64	339.99
Security Deposits	958.00	961.75	965.25
Special Deposits	100.00	100.00	100.00
	$227,432.51	$227,664.47	$229,342.32
Deduct: Funds invested.			
Mortgage Loans	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00
City of Chicago Tax Warrants	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Real Estate, Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
	$199,500.00	$199,500.00	$199,500.00
Balance	27,932.51	28,164.47	29,842.32
	$227,432.51	$227,664.47	$229,342.32

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Director Stern, Chairman, reported progress in the matter of the revision of the by-laws and was granted further time.

On motion of Director Brosseau the Board went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

After the discussion of matters which came before it the Board resumed open session and on motion of Director Brosseau, adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR SEPTEMBER, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of September was 100,230, against 93,968 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 24 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,176.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	10,040	8,761
Books issued from stacks	27,402	23,447

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 11. Average maximum attendance per hour, 17.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,154. Books consulted, 6,786.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors.	1,852	1,792
Volumes consulted.	8,704	8,296

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 222. Bound newspapers consulted, 478. Books for the blind circulated, 64.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 9,510. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 168. Average maximum attendance per hour, 244.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	17	31	12	1,507
No. 2	11	20	7	1,004
No. 3	11	23	6	826
No. 4	20	30	21	572
No. 5	11	15	7	875
No. 6	23	48	27	1,981
No. 7	18	29	26	948
No. 8	10	14	14	229
No. 9	12	20	16	540
No. 10	17	22	31	464

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 25. Average maximum attendance per hour, 50. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 5,530, of which 248 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 62,143, against 56,714 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,704, of which 1,311 were issued to males, and 1,393 to females. The registration of September, 1906, was 2,281. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 93,266.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies September 1, 1907	3,807
Number of books sent to binderies in September, 1907	2,031
Total number of books at binderies in September, 1907	5,838
Number of books received from binderies in September, 1907	1,610
Number of books at binderies September 30, 1907	4,228
Number of books repaired in Library in September, 1907	3,874

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library September 30, 1907, was 339,547. Received since June 1, 1907, 3,919; since September 1, 1,954. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 3,456; since September 1, 988. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 198; since September 1, 47. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 27; since September 1, 8.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Oct., 14, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, and Directors Taylor and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau. Eckhart, Roulston, Novak and Stern.

There being no quorum, on motion of Director Taylor the Board adjourned until Friday, November 1, 1907, at eight o'clock p. m.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, and Directors Taylor, Lagorio and Cigrand.

Absent—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Roulston, Novak and Stern.

No quorum appearing, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the Vice-President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor and Stern.

Absent—Directors Roulston, Novak, Lagorio and the President.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Brosseau moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 14, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received from Mr. Colin C. H. Fyffe concerning the foreclosure proceedings in the case of the Michael Foley mortgage and enclosing letters from representatives of the Foley estate proposing to reduce the loan by $500, to reimburse the Library for all expenses incurred to date on account of said foreclosure proceedings, to clear the title in the Probate Court, to install in the building next spring a first-class steam-heating plant and to put the building in perfect repair by repainting, redecorating, etc.

Mr. Fyffe's suggestions are contained in the following letter:

"NOVEMBER 4, 1907.

"*William B. Wickersham, Esq.,*
"*Secretary Chicago Public Library,*
"*Chicago, Illinois.*

"*Dear Sir:*—I have your favor of the 2d on the subject of the Foley mortgage. Mr. J. M. Hogan, the husband of one of the heirs, writes to their attorney, Mr. P. W. Dunn of Dunn & Hayes, the enclosed letter, agreeing to improve the property by putting it in order and installing a steam-heating plant. Allow me to suggest that the matter might be worked out just as well and undoubtedly more easily if the reduction two years from now were made $1,000 instead of $2,000. I take it that the property will be first-class security for $3,500. It would be quite fair to ask that the interest be raised from 5 per cent. to 6 per cent.

"I think the enclosed letter ought to be retained by you for the Library files.

"Yours very truly,
"COLIN C. H. FYFFE."

Director Eckhart moved that a readjustment of the matter of the Foley loan be made by Mr. Fyffe along the line of his suggestions, which is to include a reduction of the loan by $500, a new mortgage for the remainder, $4,500, with interest at six per cent. (6%) per aunum, $1,000 to be paid at the end of two years and $3,500 to be paid at the end of five years, on condition that the building be put in first-class order, that a steam-heating plant be installed as proposed, that all taxes, special assessments and interest be promptly paid and that the Library be re-imbursed for all expenses incurred in the matter of foreclosure proceedings.

The motion prevailed.

Yeas—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

Communications were, also, received as follows:

From Allen T. Burns, for Chicago Commons Association, petitioning the Board to co-operate in maintaining a reading room in connection with delivery station No. 24 West, located at Chicago Commons; the association offering a room 21 ft. by 21 ft. 6 inches in size, with entrance on the street level, rent free, and placing in charge a competent library attendant who shall look after the room and the delivery station and all the Library interests connected with the Com-

mons; the Library to pay $25 per month toward the general maintenance of the room.

Director Brosseau moved that the communication be referred to a joint committee composed of the Committee on Delivery Stations and Library.

Carried.

From Rev. J. E. Ramsdell, residing at Wilmette, Ill., requesting permission to draw books from the Library.

Director Brosseau moved that the request of Mr. Ramsdell be granted.

Carried.

From Miss Gertrude Graves, praying the Board to establish a "home circulating Library" at Mrs. Falkenstein's Settlement, Armitage avenue and Francisco street, agreeing to be responsible for the same and to assist young girls in the selection and use of books.

Director Stern moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Library.

Carried.

From Jas. J. Gleason, tendering his resignation as keeper of delivery station No. 17 West, located at 1681 West Twelfth street, and from Richard Goldenetz, stating that he has purchased the above store and asking that the station be allowed to remain under his charge.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From A. O'Shaughnessy, 3458 Archer avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his store.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at Chicago avenue and Fifty-first court under the care of Mrs. E. Butler.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at 5230 West Chicago avenue under the care of H. Bondevin.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. C. Schulte, 35 South Forty-eighth avenue, and citizens in the vicinity of her store, renewing her request for a delivery station.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From J. H. Isacowitz, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at his drug store, corner Twelfth and Morgan streets.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Wm. Renner, page, asking to be transferred from the evening to the day service.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Raymond Dwyer, page, praying the Board to grant him compensation for time lost for sickness, October 5 to October 14, 1907.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Oldrich F. Fisera, Frank Pelinka, John F. Halpin, Jr., and Ladislav Budil, pages, tendering their resignations as employés of the Board.

Director Brosseau moved that the resignations of the foregoing pages be ac-

cepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make requisitions upon the Civil Service Commission for pages at $300 per annum to fill the vacancies.

Carried.

From N. S. Purviance, watchman, praying the Board to grant him a leave of absence of 60 days beginning October 8, 1907, on account of illness.

Director Eckhart moved that the petition of Mr. Purviance be granted without pay.

Carried.

Director Taylor presented a letter from Dr. F. P. Noble, accompanied by a letter from Judge Geo. A. Dupuy, in which Dr. Noble asks to be certified from a Civil Service clerk's eligible list to a position in the Library.

Director Brosseau moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Administration.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following matters approved and recommended by the Committee:

Two lists of current American books, aggregating 460 vols., to cost $513.00.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch, 123 vols., to cost $125.00.

A list of current English books, 17 vols., to cost $50.00.

A list of extra copies of juvenile books, 932 vols., to cost $750 00.

A list of 1,539 American and foreign periodicals to be subscribed for for 1908, estimated to cost $5,000.00.

Two lists of bills for subscription books, continuations, special books, etc., amounting to $43.20, to be paid for from the incidental fund.

Director Brosseau, also, recommended on behalf of the Committee that the Library subscribe to 20 copies of the publication of "Illinois Libraries," by Katharine L. Sharp, to cost $100.00.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau stated that a typewriting machine was needed in the circulating department and recommended, on behalf of the Committee that an Underwood typewriting machine be purchased at a cost of $100 less the usual discount, and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

He, also, stated that there were a large number of duplicate public documents in possession of the Library which are burdensome to take care of, and recommended that the Committee be authorized to dispose of such documents as are not needed by exchange or otherwise.

The recommendation was concurred in.

Director Brosseau, also, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

Illinois State Library Ass'n, books....$	100.00
A. C. McClurg & Co., books.....	1,598.91
Charles Scribner's Sons, books.....	27.00
Henry Malkan, books.....	26.25
The Morris Book Shop, books..... ...	21.65
Cedric Chivers, Ltd.. books.....	40.30
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals...	46.69
Joseph Flucke, binding.....	539.51
Geo. E. Koehler, binding.....	985.09
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding.....	52.65
The Barrett Bindery Co., twine....	4.00
Toby Rubovits, lettering books....	40.00
James Watson & Co., printing.....	44.55
John F. Higgins, printing..	32.50
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing.....	20.00
Faulkner Ryan Co., printing.....	8.75
Bradner Smith & Co., paper.....	22.44
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery.....	5.25
H. S. Parrish & Co., pads and rubber stamps.....	4.95
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriting machine, etc.....	101.75
Hammond Typewriter Co., ribbons and shields	8.50
Library Bureau, oak case and cards ...	25.47
H. T. Sidway, pencil sharpeners.....	7.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for Oct., 1907.....	205.98
	$3,969 20

He, also, presented the report of the Librarian for October, 1907, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee, Director Eckhart moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be acted upon in open Board.

Carried.

Director Eckhart stated that the Librarian had suspended John H. Starck, 3115 North Ashland avenue, from the use of the Library, and moved that this action be approved and that said Starck be debarred from future use of the Library on account of violating its regulations.

Carried.

He, also, stated that the Librarian had suspended Bernard Britt for conduct detrimental to the service and moved that Mr. Britt be suspended from duty without pay for a period of one week beginning October 24, 1907.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following list of vacancies, appointments and changes of salary for September and October, 1907, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

Matthias Bender, page, discharged Sept. 1.

John L. White, page, resigned Sept. 1.

Harry Burlow, page, resigned Sept. 23.

Katharine A. Schulte, clerk, resigned Sept. 30.

Thomas J. Dwyer, page, resigned Oct. 14.

Henry W. Holmgren, automobile operator, discharged Oct. 14.

Herman Weitzman, page, discharged Oct. 15.

Oldrich F. Fisera, page, resigned Oct. 21.

Frank Pelinka, page, resigned Oct. 26.

Page appointed, $300 per year:

Harry M. Quinn, Oct. 21.

Clerk appointed, $400 per year:

Irene L. Pearl, Oct. 1.

Automobile Operators appointed, $780 per year:

Henry W. Holmgren, Oct. 10.

Edward P. Langworthy, Jr., Oct. 17.

Pages increased in salary, $300 to $350 per year:

Harold Hellgren, Sept. 5.

Charles J. Macko, Sept. 5.

Harry J. Wahlberg, Sept. 5.

Joseph Rosenberg, Sept. 6.
Raymond Dwyer, Sept. 7.
James E. Edwards, Sept. 7.

Pages increased in salary, $350 to $400 per year:
Bernard Britt, Oct. 22.
Charles F. Zak, Oct. 22.

Janitress increased in salary, $540 to $560 per year:
Agnes F. Cronin, Oct. 1.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Taylor, for the Committee, presented the following bills, audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing automobile	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	81.80
Valvoline Oil Co., valvoline gas engine oil	31.80
Knox Automobile Company, of Illinois, automobile parts	61.35
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., resetting motor tire	3.00
The Fair, robes	14.40
	$207.35

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The Secretary, for the Committee, presented the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: — Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred, with power to act, the communication from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical Society and the Regular Homeopathic Medical Society asking that they be allowed the use of a room in the Library building for their monthly meetings, begs leave to report that it has given careful consideration to the question, having examined the constitution and by-laws of both societies and their periodical literature and minutes of their meetings. Your Committee is satisfied that the societies are composed of reputable, conscientious members, and gave them the right to use the "room for the blind"; the first named society on the third Thursday of each month in the evening, and the second society on the first Tuesday of each month in the evening.

Your Committee felt that these societies should, in a measure, compensate the Board by giving, at least, once a month a lecture on some popular subject in the line of their research, which would be both interesting and instructive to the public, and that these lectures should be advertised and be free to all.

The representatives of these societies agreed to this and showed an outline of lectures already arranged for, which was satisfactory to your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIUS STERN,
B. J. CIGRAND,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

CHICAGO, October 28, 1907.

Director Brosseau moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

The Secretary, also, presented the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: — Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred sundry proposed improvements, begs leave to report as follows:

1. That drawings for additional shed room for the automobiles have been prepared which are satisfactory to the Committee and it recommends that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for

bids for its construction of iron and glass, a tentative bid having placed the cost at, about, $1,600.

2. To prevent attendants from harm in the operation of the new book lifts, recently installed in the stack room, your Committee recommends that the proposal of J. L. Bondy Wire and Iron Works Company, to furnish and erect eight flat mesh guards around said lifts, for this purpose, at a cost of $34.00, be accepted, this being the lowest of three bids received.

3. At the last meeting of the Board your Committee was authorized to obtain bids and cause to be installed in the automobile repair shop an arc light, including a distributing board and a run of incandescent lamps, at a cost estimated at $80.00 to $100.00, exclusive of the lamp.

Your Committee obtained three bids for this work, but they ran higher than the estimate; the lowest being $108.00, the next lowest $115.00 and the highest $170.00. The lowest bidder, Freeman, Sweet Company, having withdrawn its bid, your Committee recommends that a contract be entered into with Thayer & Lynn, 423 Dearborn street, to do this work upon their bid of $115.00.

4. Your Committee would recommend that the Secretary be authorized to purchase a new foot power punching machine, for the use of the superintendent of the reading room in preparing periodicals for the binders, at an estimated cost of $20.00; the old machine, which was second-hand when purchased, being practically useless.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

CHICAGO, November 1, 1907.

Director Taylor moved that the report be taken up for consideration seriatim.

Carried.

Action on the first section, after some consideration, was postponed temporarily.

Director Taylor moved that the second section be adopted.

Carried.

Director Brosseau moved that the third section be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and the Chair.—5.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau, also, moved that the fourth section be adopted.

Carried.

The consideration of section 1 was again taken up and by mutual consent the Secretary was authorized to advertise for bids for building an automobile shed in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

The Secretary presented the following bills, audited and approved:

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	36.01
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	10.45
J. P. Sanders, sprinkling street, State St. reading room	6.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	596.70
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	26.91
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	32.10
D. M. Goodwillie Co., lumber	33.00
Marshall Field & Co., curtains, mat, etc.	22.38
J. F. McGuire, sprinkling streets around Liby. Bldg	30.00
Nanz Clock Co., dials	8.00

Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
H. B. Morgan Co., paint	8.10
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	42.24
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., engineering supplies	11.20
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	7.50
Crandall Packing Co., packing	6.75
John F. Walsh, globe valve	4.20
Illinois Electric Co., engineering supplies	33.96
Samuel Harris & Co., engineering supplies	6.15
Wm. D. Gibson Co., springs	8.00
Wm. Dilley, brooms	43.00
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	18.65
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	19.17
H. Rosenbaum Roofing Co	587.12
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	122.10
Brown Bros. Mfg. Co., concrete glass	30.00
E. Baggot Co., plumbing	13.75
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for October, 1907	100.28
Frank J. Browning, coal	28.80
Chicago Edison Co., lighting Blackstone branch	136.80
	$2,463.30

Director Eckhart moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas— Directors Brosseau, Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and the Chair—5.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Eckhart, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR OCTOBER, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of October was 124,073, against 113,766 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 27 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 4,595.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	12,324	10,845
Books issued from stacks	33,578	29,092

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 14. Average maximum attendance per hour, 19.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,941. Books consulted, 9,008.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,243	2,250
Volumes consulted	10,172	10,247

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 337. Bound newspapers consulted, 520. Books for the blind circulated, 81.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 10,215. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 184. Average maximum attendance per hour, 273.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	19	40	17	1,864
No. 2	18	32	14	1,222
No. 3	14	32	9	960
No. 4	26	45	28	672
No. 5	12	17	12	1,038
No. 6	29	52	45	2,560
No. 7	19	30	38	1,295
No. 8	11	14	20	247
No. 9	11	16	19	607
No. 10	13	18	41	667

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 20. Average maximum attendance per hour, 54. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,123, of which 328 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 77,190, against 70,005 from 69 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 4,049, of which 1,988 were issued to males, and 2,061 to females. The registration of October, 1906, was 3,229. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 93,094.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies October 1, 1907 4,228
Number of books sent to binderies in October, 1907 3,795

Total number of books at binderies in October, 1907 8,023
Number of books received from binderies in October, 1907 3,698
Number of books at binderies October 31, 1907 4,325
Number of books repaired in Library in October, 1907 3,368

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library October 31, 1907, was 341,270. Received since June 1, 1907, 6,735; since October 1, 2,815. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 4,508; since October 1, 1,052. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 238; since October 1, 40. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 36; since October 1, 9.

E. F. L. GAUSS,
Acting Librarian.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Brosseau, Eckhart and Roulston.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28th, of the adjourned regular meeting of November 1st, and of the regular meeting held November 11, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Mr. Chalmers Hadley, president of League of Library Commissions, asking permission to use one of the rooms in the Library building for the midwinter meeting of that League, on January 2, 3, and 4, 1908.

Director Cigrand moved that the request of Mr. Hadley be granted.

Carried.

From Mr. Colin C. H. Fyffe, enclosing a copy of a letter written by him to Mr. Miller, of the Corporation Counsel's office, in regard to the case of the City of Chicago against the County of Cook.

Ordered to be filed.

Also, from Mr. Fyffe, stating that his proposal to the attorney representing the Foley heirs for a basis for a new mortgage had been agreed to; the basis being the requirements contained in the motion of Director Eckhart at the last meeting of the Board.

Ordered to be filed.

From citizens residing in the vicinity of 29 S Forty-eighth avenue, and from citizens in the vicinity of 1297 S. Central Park avenue, praying the Board to

establish a delivery station at those places.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Mrs. Mary Rooks, tendering her resignation as keeper of delivery station No. 6 West, located at 355 S. Western avenue, and from Mrs. Emma Harbour, praying the Board to appoint her keeper of said station at the same location.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Geo. A. Thompson, tendering his resignation as page at the Blackstone branch library, to take effect November 17, 1907.

Director Cigrand moved that the resignation of Mr. Thompson be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $500.00 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, for the Committee, submitted the following lists of books agreed upon:

A list of current American books, 145 vols., to cost $207.00.

A list of current English books, 27 vols., to cost $65.00.

A list of miscellaneous books, 51 vols., to cost $119.70.

Director Stern moved that the books be purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

Director Stern, also, presented a list of miscellaneous bills for continuations, proceedings of societies, special books, etc., amounting to $41.84, and moved that the bills be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, stated that the Library had been offered by Sewell-Clapp Mfg. Co., a lot of book pockets at the price of 65 cents per thousand, printed. This being very much less than the price heretofore paid for pockets, the Committee would recommend that the Secretary be authorized to purchase 200,000.

The recommendation was concurred in, as follows:

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President —6.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee, Director Lagorio moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be acted upon in open Board.

Carried.

The Librarian, for the Committee, reported back the petition of Ernest A. Hart, assistant engineer, praying the Board to grant him compensation for ten days lost in September and October, 1907, and recommended that the petition be granted.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendation of the Librarian be concurred in.

Carried.

He, also, reported back the petition of Raymond Dwyer, page, praying the

Board for compensation for time lost from October 5 to October 10, 1907, on account of illness, and recommended that the petition be not granted.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Also, the petition of Wm. Renner, asking to be transferred from the evening to the day service of the Library with the recommendation that Mr. Renner be transferred to the position left vacant by the resignation of Ladislav Budil at a salary of $450 per annum, said transfer to date from Nov. 2, 1907.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, stated that nine bids had been received for a new automobile shed ranging in amount from $1,600 to $2,784, the lowest bid being that of the Morava Construction Company.

He, also, stated that it had been decided to substitute No. 22 galvanized iron for the roof of the shed for No. 26 as specified and that this change would be made by the lowest bidder at an additional cost of $20.

Director Novak moved that a contract be entered into with the Morava Construction Company for the building of an automobile shed, according to the specifications, at a total cost of $1,620, this being five dollars less than the next higher bid.

The motion prevailed, as follows:

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Director Novak called the attention of the Board to the need of some device for cleaning the dust from the books in the stacks and for cleaning walls, carpets, etc. He stated that certain proposals had been received from two companies for a vacuum cleaning system and recommended that the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for further investigation and report.

The recommendation was concurred in.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The Librarian reported that on November 23d inst. Otto Bergman had been arrested in the reading room for stealing a German magazine and recommended that Mr. Bergman be debarred from further use of the Library.

Director Novak moved that the recommendation of the Librarian be concurred in.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Librarian stated that in order to give the janitor force an opportunity to clean the walls of the reading and reference rooms he would recommend that the Library be closed in all its departments on Thanksgiving day, November 28th inst.

Director Cigrand moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Cigrand stated that complaints had been made to him about the ventilation of the "room for the blind" by some members of societies using that

room and moved that the question of improving the ventilation of said room be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for investigation and report.

Carried.

On motion of Director Cigrand, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present, when the Board was called to order, the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Eckhart and Taylor.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Cigrand moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 25, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from Mr. Colin C. H. Fyffe, enclosing a copy of a stipulation entered into between the attorneys in the case of the City of Chicago vs. County of Cook pending in the Appellate Court as General No. 13439. Also, enclosing a bill for $2,000 for legal services in the case from 1905 to date.

"December 3, 1907.

"*To the Honorable, The Board of Directors,*

"*Chicago Public Library, Chicago.*

"*Gentlemen:*—I have the honor to report to you the final settlement of the case of the City of Chicago vs. County of Cook, pending in the Appellate Court as General No. 13439.

"This case was brought by the City on behalf of the Public Library Board in order to construe the eleventh paragraph of section 4 of the Act of March 2, 1874, as amended by the Act of 1905. By that Act the County Clerk is entitled to receive 'for extending other than State and County taxes, two cents for each tax on each tract or lot, and each person's personal tax,' to be paid by the authority for whose benefit' the tax is extended. The County of Cook has, for thirty-three years, claimed that this provision entitled the County Clerk to extend the tax levied by the City for the Library in a separate column from the other City taxes and to withhold from the City for the use of the Library the same amount that is withheld from the City for extending the taxes for

corporate purposes. By the Act of 1905 the fee of two cents per item was changed to three cents, making therefore a 50 per cent. increase in the amount withheld. My communication of November 15th to First Assistant Corporation Counsel George W. Miller, a copy of which I forwarded to the Secretary of the Library Board, explains fully the legal aspects of the case, which, I think, are, however, well known to your honorable body. The opinion of Judge Adams, rendered in October, is a complete vindication, on the merits, of the position taken for so many years by successive Boards of Directors of the Public Library. After I had made the report mentioned to Mr. Miller, suggestions of compromise came from the counsel of Cook County. After several conferences an agreement was reached by which the Library Board agrees not to pursue its claim for moneys withheld on this account in the past, while the County agrees that henceforward no retention of money shall be made on this account from the Library tax. I am heartily in favor of this compromise, Had an appeal been taken there is the chance, existing in any litigation, that the Supreme Court might have followed the County's view of the construction of the Act. There is still a strong possibility that the Supreme Court might have agreed with the decision of Judge Mack of the Circuit Court in holding that whatever might be the true meaning of the Act in the abstract, the construction put upon it for twenty-five years by both City and County authorities should now control the judgment of the Court. It was, moreover, highly probable that if the Supreme Court had ultimately found with us on the general merits, it would have carried the doctrine of contemporary construction by the parties interested to the extent at least of evolving an acquiescence on the part of the City authorities which would prevent a recovery by the City of all retentions prior to the filing of the bill in 1905. It is easy to see how much more advantage there is in getting $20,000 yearly—and more increasingly for the future—than to risk that in the attempt to get the smaller sum withheld in the past. Besides this, the settlement is in the line of peace among the constituent municipalities of the community.

"A stipulation has been entered into signed by all the parties in interest entitled as of the cause in the Appellate Court. A copy of this is left with the County Attorney and another with the Corporation Counsel. A third I enclose now to be preserved by the Library Board.

"The question of my fees for legal services in this matter was brought up by your honorable President. I enclose a bill for services in this case, setting it at the amount suggested by Mr. Bowers.

"It will be also understood that in all the other matters in which I have in the last two or three years had the honor to serve the Public Library Board I am only too glad to have rendered the services without any return except the pleasure of the association.

"Yours respectfully,

"COLIN C. H. FYFFE."

IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS
FIRST DISTRICT.

CITY OF CHICAGO, vs. COUNTY OF COOK.	Gen. No. 13439. Term No. 43.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, represented by their attorneys, respectively:—

First. That said City of Chicago will not prosecute the appeal heretofore allowed or writ of error to the judgment heretofore entered in the above entitled cause in said court, and it is hereby stipulated that an order may be entered herein dismissing said appeal.

Second. Said City of Chicago agrees not to bring any proceedings at law or in equity against the said County of Cook

for the recovery of the amounts of money heretofore withheld by the County of Cook from the City of Chicago as fees under the eleventh paragraph of the Fourth section of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled, "An act to provide for the fees of certain officers therein named in counties of the third class," and amendments thereto, said Act being approved and in force March 2, 1874, and said fees relating to the taxes extended on behalf of the City of Chicago for The Chicago Public Library, and referred to and set out in the Bill of Complaint filed herein.

Third. Said County of Cook agrees in the future that the City of Chicago and the City of Chicago Library tax, as levied by the City of Chicago, shall be extended as one tax as a "City Tax," and that the fees to the County Clerk or any other officer of the said County provided for under the said eleventh paragraph of the Fourth section of the said Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the fees of certain officers therein named in counties of the third class," approved and in force March 2, 1874, and amendments thereto, shall be computed upon the basis of said taxes being extended as one tax and one extension.

Fourth. The parties hereto further agree that they will do all other acts and execute all other papers that may be necessary to carry into full force and effect the intent of this agreement.

Dated this 3d day of December, A. D. 1907.

CITY OF CHICAGO.
By Edward J. Brundage,
Corporation Counsel.

Colin C. H. Fyffe,
Of Counsel.

COUNTY OF COOK.
By Harry A. Lewis,
County Attorney.
William H. Struckman,
Ass't County Attorney.

Director Brosseau moved that the bill of Mr. Fyffe be ordered paid and that his letter and the stipulation be printed and filed.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Communications were, also, received as follows:

From the Alumni of the Burr School, asking the Board to establish a branch reading room and delivery station in that school.

Referred to Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks.

Director Taylor entered the room and took his seat.

From Henry G. Foreman, President of South Park Commissioners, requesting the Board to establish reading rooms in the field houses in Sherman and Ogden Parks.

Referred to the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks.

From Mrs. Gertrude Muhlke, 2631 N. Forty-second Court, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at her store.

From citizens in the vicinity of Dauphin Park, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at 8922 Cottage Grove avenue.

From Mrs. L. Matthews, former keeper of delivery station No. 12 West, located at 1269 Madison street, tendering her resignation, and from Mrs. Elizabeth Van Housen, asking the Board to appoint her keeper of said station.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From John F. Phelan, cataloger, praying the Board to grant him compensation for time lost on account of illness from November 27 to December 7, 1907, inclusive.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Ottilie Goldberger, clerk, praying the Board to grant her a leave of absence for two months beginning November 26, 1907.

Director Roulston moved that the petition be granted.

Carried.

From N. S. Purviance, watchman, praying the Board to extend his leave of absence from November 8 to February 22, 1908.

Director Roulston moved that the request be granted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following lists of books agreed upon by the Committee:

A list of current American books, 186 vols., to cost $210.00.

A list of current English books, 18 vols., to cost $60.00.

A list of books for the Thomas Hughes room, 285 vols., to cost $200.00.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 457 vols., to cost $450.00.

A list of miscellaneous books, 32 vols., to cost $178.00.

A list of books on "European Architecture," 9 vols., to cost $90.00 and to be paid from the Ryder fund.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch, 210 vols., to cost $225.00.

He, also, presented a list of miscellaneous bills for continuations, special books, subscription books, etc., amounting to $42.69.

Director Brosseau moved that the list of books be ordered purchased and that the bills be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Brosseau presented the report of the Librarian for November, 1907, and recommended that it be printed and filed.

Concurred in.

He, also, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$1,367.16
The Anderson Auction Co., books	63.10
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	52.25
Francis J. Meeker, books	30.00
Cedric Chivers, books	6.50
Bruno Hessling Co., books	49.90
Joseph Flucke, binding	429.16
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	582.17
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	280.00
The Barrett Bindery Co., binders	4.50
Bradner, Smith & Co., paper	44.31
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	35.25
James Watson & Co., printing	25.85
Library Bureau, pockets, etc.	66.00
Dennison Mfg. Co., labels	19.25
Cameron, Amberg & Co., stationery	23.25
Kirk's Ink Co., ink	9.60
L. C. Smith & Bros., typewriting ribbons	6.00
Riddle & Wunderle Co., stationery	12.60
H. T. Sidway & Co., pencil sharpeners	7.00

Bennett's Newspaper and Magazine Agency, periodicals	1,928.65
Underwood Typewriter Co., Typewriting machine	92.25
Hammond Typewriter Co.. keyboard	15.00
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures, November, 1907	150.12
	$5,299.87

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, reported that the Librarian had suspended Geo. A. Klein, a page, on December 7th inst. for a period of three days, without pay, for carelessness in his work, and recommended that the action of the Librarian be concurred in.

Carried.

He, also, recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that the Librarian be authorized to transfer Joseph Rosenberg, a page, from the day service to the evening service, at a salary of $400.00 per annum.

Also, that the petition of Dr. F. E. Noble asking to be certified from the Civil Service Commission's eligible list to a position as clerk in the Library be placed on file.

Director Roulston moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Roulston stated, informally, that one John Henry had been arrested for stealing books from the reference department of the Library and had been convicted and sent to the House of Correction for six months.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing motor car	$ 16.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	62.70
Knox Automobile Company, of Illinois, parts for motor cars	92.35
New York & New Jersey Lubricant Co.. oil	39.31
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., repairing tire	8.83
The Whitney Mfg. Co., transmission chain	119.00
S. Buchsbaum & Co.. making sparking plugs	13.00
A. H. Frederick, leather card files	4.80
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, trunks	318.00
	$673.99

Director Cigrand, also, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations having had that work under consideration deems it inadvisable to open any new stations at this time and would recommend;

1. That all applications for delivery stations in its hands be filed, as follows:

A. O'Shaughnessy, 3458 Archer avenue.

Mrs. C. Schulte, 35 S. Forty-eighth avenue.

Mrs. E. Butler, Fifty-first court and Chicago avenue.

H. Bondevin, 5230 W. Chicago avenue.

J. H. Isacowitz, Twelfth and Morgan streets.

R. L. Oliver, 29 S. Forty-eighth avenue.

Publishing House, 1297 S. Central Park avenue.

Dauphin Park and Burnside, 8922 Cottage Grove avenue.

Mrs. Gertrude Muhlke, corner Cullom street and N. Forty-second court.

2. Your Committee would, also, recommend that the resignation of James J. Gleason, former keeper of station No. 17 West, be accepted and that the petition of R. Goldenetz, to be appointed keeper of said station, be granted.

3. Also, that the resignation of Mrs. Mary Rooks, former keeper of delivery station No. 6 West, be accepted, and that the petition of Mrs. Emma Harbour, to be appointed keeper of said station, be granted.

4. Also, that the resignation of Mrs. L. Matthews, former keeper of station No. 12 West, 1269 W. Madison street, be accepted, and that the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Van Housen, to be appointed keeper of said station, be granted.

Your Committee has had under consideration the work of the delivery station department and from information received believes that in the course of a few months there should be an additional automobile in order to complete the system of delivering books and to dispense with all outside express service, which now costs the Library $100.00 to $140.00 per month. Your Committee therefore recommends that in the budget for Library expenditures for 1908 there be included $2,500 for said machine.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. J. CIGRAND,
Z. P. BROSSEAU,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

CHICAGO, December 9, 1907.

Director Stern moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: — Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds has had under consideration sundry improvements in the Library building and the expansion and use of the Library by means of additional branch reading rooms, and would report as follows:

1. Your Committee is pleased to report that the attendance of children and young people in the Thomas Hughes room has been very gratifying and in fact so many use the room that it would recommend the purchase of an additional round table for it at an expense of $50.00.

2. The Committee is informed that the double faced display book rack, installed a few months ago in the east end of the delivery room, has more than met the Librarian's expectations, and upon his suggestion your Committee would recommend that an additional double faced display book rack be ordered from the Library Bureau at an expense of $100.00, this being the lowest proposal received.

3. Your Committee begs to call the attention of the Board to the expiration some months ago of its contract with the Chicago Telephone Company for the maintenance of the telephones in the Library building, and would recommend that the Committee be authorized to take up the subject with the Telephone Company with a view of coming to some satisfactory agreement for the use and maintenance of said telephones. Also, to investigate the needs of the Library with reference to additional house 'phones and an additional trunk line.

4. The condition of the roof of the main Library building is such that it requires more attention each year to keep it in perfect repair. Your Committee succeeded in obtaining for this repair work an excellent quality of slate tiles from the Western Slate Company, of this city, at 14 cents each, which is considered

a very low price. These tiles were cut by that company from remnants of slate used for other commercial purposes, and the company said that it will undertake to utilize such remnants during the coming six or eight months in the same way at the same price.

Your Committee would recommend that an order be given to the Western Slate Company for 2,000 slate tiles, more or less, to be delivered to the Library, as called for, at the price of 14 cents each.

5. The question of better ventilation for the "room for the blind," referred to the Committee at last meeting, has been considered and the Committee is informed that the ventilation could be improved in a marked degree by cutting an opening into an air duct in the northeast corner of the room. The chief engineer of the building roughly estimates this expense at about $75.00.

Your Committee would recommend that this improvement be made at once.

6. Your Committee would report back the communication of the Commissioner of Buildings relative to placing hand railings on the wall side of stairways and intermediate railings on center stairs with the recommendation that it be filed, the Commissioner of Buildings having decided that no change is necessary in said stairways.

7. In looking forward to the further improvement of the building and to the expansion of the Library branch reading rooms, etc., your Committee would recommend that there be added to the usual item "repairs, alterations and improvements" in the budget for 1908, the sum of $14,625.00, to be expended as follows:

For the construction of an iron stairway from the public document department to the present empty stack room above,	$ 2,000.00
For three 10 H. P. motors for the operation of three ventilating fans at the north end of the building,	1,500.00
For the removal of the coal elevator, conveyor and storage tanks, constructed at the time of the erection of the building for the purpose of conveying hard coal to the boiler room, but abandoned some eight years ago and now in the way and some parts rotting with rust,	250.00
For alterations in the external fire protection by which the accumulation of rust can be flushed from the water pipes, thereby lessening the danger of the water curtain nozzles becoming clogged,	500.00
For a vacuum system of cleaning books, walls, floors, etc.,	2,000.00
For one new branch reading room on the North Side, furniture, only,	2,000.00
For ten tables for branch reading rooms,	500.00
For five dozens chairs for branch reading rooms,	250.00
For two bulletin boards, one for adults, and one for children, at the Blackstone branch library,	125.00
For five steel book cases for English patent room to match those in place,	2,700.00
For seven steel book cases for reference room depository,	2,300.00
For one quartered oak wall book case in the binding department,	500.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. NOVAK,
JULIUS STERN,
B. J. CIGRAND,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

CHICAGO, December 9, 1907.

Director Novak moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Novak, also, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	11.55
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	40.48
Marshall Field & Co., picture and cheese cloth	87.95
King's Model Laundry Co., laundry work	34.91
Haegele Ice Co., ice	24.00
The Fair, insect powder	5.43
Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	8.40
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
D. M. Goodwillie Co., lumber	33.00
D. H. Brookins, repairing clock	5.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	721.31
The Westinghouse Air Brake Co., valves, etc	15.50
John Mohr & Sons, repairing boiler	22.60
Samuel Harris & Co., engineering supplies	12.14
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	8.25
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste	4.73
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	30.48
The Jandus Electric Co., engineering supplies	15.90
Thayer & Lynn, wiring for circuits in auto shed	125.75
James H. Rice Co., shellac, putty, etc.	18.84
Bullard & Gormley Co., misc. hardware	28.50
West Disinfecting Co., cleaner	8.00
Jas. H. Rhodes & Co., lump pumice	8.40
Johnson Chair Co, chairs	285.00
Alexander H. Revell & Co., furniture	18.00
H. Rosenbaum Roofing Co., repairing roof, etc	347.30
Western Slate Co., slate tiles	140.00
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	68.90
Joseph Halsted, structural steel work	26.85
Frank J. Browning, coal for reading rooms (2 mos.)	121.40
W. B. Wickersham, cash expenditures, November, 1907	46.25
	$2,758.82

SPECIAL COMMTTEES.

Director Stern, Chairman of the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Parks and Schools, reported progress in matters under its supervision and presented the following letter from Secretary Larson of the Board of Education, looking toward a joint meeting of Committees of the Library and the Board of Education on the question of a closer relationship between the two Boards:

"Chicago, Dec. 6, 1907.

"*Mr. Julius Stern,*

"*Member of Chicago Public Library "Board,*

"*Chicago Public Library Bldg., Chicago.*

"*Dear Sir:*—I beg to inform you that at the last meeting of the Board of Education your request that a Committee of the Board of Education be appointed to confer with your Committee was concurred in. The following is the Committee as appointed by the President of the Board of Education:

"Dr. R. A. White,

"Mr. Frank C. Waller,

"Dr. A. L. Blackwood,

"Mr. A. F. Gartz,
"Mr. A. R. Urion.
"Yours truly,
"L. E. Larson,
"*Secretary.*"

Director Brosseau moved that when the Board should adjourn it should adjourn until Wednesday, December 18, 1907, at eight o'clock p. m.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Cigrand called the attention of the Board to the loss of books from the shelves of the branch reading rooms and suggested that some means should be adopted to render such losses less frequent.

By consent the question was referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations and the Librarian for investigation and recommendation in the matter.

On motion of Director Brosseau, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR NOVEMBER, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of November was 130,228, against 116,092 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 5,209.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	13,845	11,386
Books issued from stacks	37,094	29,972

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 19. Average maximum attendance per hour, 24.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,972. Books consulted, 9,058.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,418	2,118
Volumes consulted	10,910	9,574

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 377. Bound newspapers consulted, 654. Books for the blind circulated, 71.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 10,142. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 248. Average maximum attendance per hour, 364.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	34	49	31	1,879
No. 2	22	39	18	1,238
No. 3	16	33	12	1,130
No. 4	30	39	33	766
No. 5	13	20	14	1,166
No. 6	35	59	43	2,766
No. 7	25	39	41	1,392
No. 8	15	21	28	318
No. 9	13	17	23	638
No. 10	17	25	47	571

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 23. Average maximum attendance per hour, 66. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,687, of which 360 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 78,915, against 70,940 from 69 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 4,394, of which 2,435 were issued to males, and 1,959 to females. The registration of November, 1906, was 3,544. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 93,687.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies November 1, 1907 4,325
Number of books sent to binderies in November, 1907 2,910
Total number of books at binderies in November, 1907 7,235
Number of books received from binderies in November, 1907 2,745
Number of books at binderies November 30, 1907 4,490
Number of books repaired in Library in November, 1907 4,004

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library November 30, 1907, was 342,667. Received since June 1, 1907, 9,058; since November 1, 2,323. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 5,383; since November 1, 875. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 289; since November 1, 51. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 48; since November 1, 12.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9, 1907.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1907.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Brosseau and Roulston.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Lagorio moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 9, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Miss Irene Warren, President of Chicago Library Club, requesting the use of the Directors' room and the room adjoining it on Friday evening, January 3, 1908, for the purpose of entertaining the trustees of the libraries of Chicago and vicinity and the League of State Library Commissions which meets in this city at that time.

Director Taylor moved that the request of Miss Warren for the use of the rooms mentioned be granted.

Carried.

From C. A. Gehrke, 4810 North Clark street, keeper of delivery station No. 7 North, notifying the Board of the sale of his store to Mr. J. Feldman and recommending Mr. Feldman as a suitable person to be keeper of said station, and from Mr. Feldman, praying the Board to appoint him Mr. Gehrke's successor.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Claude I. Cody, page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board.

Director Novak moved that the resignation of Mr. Cody be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Com-

mission for a page at a salary of $300 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Eckhart reported back the petition of John F. Phelan, cataloger, asking for compensation for time lost from November 27th to December 7th, inclusive, and recommended on behalf of the Committee that the petition be granted.

Concurred in.

The President stated that Mr. Hanson, representing *The Chicago Tribune*, was present and desired to speak to the Board.

Mr. Hanson, having been granted permission, stated that under the ordinance passed by the City Council on February 11, 1907, renewing the franchise for the Chicago City Railway Company it was provided that tracks of that company might be laid in Garland court from Washington street to Randolph street and wished to know if the Library Board intended to make any objection to the carrying out of the ordinance.

The President, in reply, stated that the matter had not come as yet officially to the notice of the Board and therefore it had taken no action in the case.

Mr. Hanson retired from the room.

Director Cigrand moved that the matter brought to the attention of the Board by Mr. Hanson be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for investigation with instructions to report to the Board at its next meeting.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, reported back the letter of the City Controller asking the Board to send in its request for an appropriation for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year 1908 and recommended that it be placed on file.

Concurred in.

He, also, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance takes pleasure in reporting that the tax levy for Library purposes for 1907 amounts to $334,545.39 on a rate of seven-tenths of a mill, which is $57,474.24 more than our tax levy for 1906. During the year 1907 tax warrants to the amount of $30,000 only were sold as against $49,500 in 1906, and $59,300 in 1905. As usual, the Library fund may be a little short of cash for one or two months at the first of the year, although we believe that there will be cash carried over from this year sufficient to pay all salaries and current expenses for the month of January. It may be, therefore, necessary to sell a few short time warrants to pay the February, and possibly the March, expenditures unless the taxes of 1907 are collected and turned over to the city more rapidly than heretofore. It is the opinion of your Committee that no long time warrants will have to be sold next year. This brings us to a cash basis, which has been the desideratum of the Board since the spring of 1902. Believing that the amount received from the tax levy of 1907 will be ample for the needs of the Library next year, your Committee has fixed the appropriation recommended for 1908 at the same figure as last year—$475,000.

In the schedule presented herewith all

the items relating to an extension of the Library work in the direction of branch libraries in park field houses, public school buildings and elsewhere have been liberally increased above similar items of former years. Also, the item for "Repairs, alterations and improvements," has been increased to meet sundry recommendations of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds made at the last meeting of the Board and the item for "Delivery stations miscellaneous," has been placed at a sum that will cover a possible increase in the number of automobiles for Library service.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption by the Board of the following schedule for the maintenance of the Chicago Public Library for the year 1908:

Salaries, main Library	$200,000.00
Salaries branch reading rooms	32,000.00
Salaries delivery stations	23,000 00
Delivery stations, misc	15,000 00
Branch reading rooms, misc.	14,000.00
Books	65,000 00
Binding	22,000.00
Finding lists	3,000.00
Printing and stationery	5 000.00
Newspapers and periodicals.	11,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00
Fuel	12.000.00
Heating and generating plant	2,000.00
Electric supplies and repairs	1,100.00
Elevator supplies and repairs	620.00
Janitors expense	1,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	27,000.00
Insurance	5,000 00
Freight and expressage	650.00
Postage	1,000.00
Books lost and paid for—refunds	300.00
Repairs, alterations, etc	17,000.00
Blackstone branch	11,000.00
Interest on tax warrants	1,330.00
	$475,000.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ECKHART,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
JOHN L. NOVAK,
Committee on Finance.

CHICAGO, December 18, 1907.

Director Eckhart moved that the report be adopted, and that the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing estimates to the City Controller.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Stern moved that when the Board should adjourn it should adjourn until Monday, January 6, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Carried.

SPECIAL COMMTTEES.

Director Stern, Chairman of the Special Committee on branch reading rooms in park field houses, public school buildings, etc., reported progress, and further time was granted.

On motion of Director Taylor, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

The Board met according to adjournment.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Eckhart, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Roulston and Novak.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Lagorio moved that the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held December 18, 1907, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Julius H. P. Gauss, conveying to the Board the sincere thanks of his mother and family for its floral tribute of sympathy in memory of his father, the late E. F. L. Gauss.

Ordered to be filed.

The President stated that upon hearing of the death of Mr. Gauss he had instructed the Librarian to have flowers placed upon the casket of the deceased in the name of the Library Board. That the expense was $25.00, which he recommended should be paid, by the Secretary, from the incidental fund.

The recommendation was concurred in.

From Dr. Robt. T. Gilmore, Secretary Chicago Medical Society, extending to the Librarian and Board the thanks of that society for the use of the "room for the blind" for its Wednesday night meetings for the past few years and stating that hereafter that meeting will be held in another building; but that the society desires to retain the "room for the blind" for its Saturday night public lectures.

Director Stern moved that the request of the Chicago Medical Society to retain the use of the "room for the blind" for

its Saturday night public lectures be granted until further action of the Board.

Carried.

From Henry B. Fuller, 4763 Madison avenue, requesting the Board to "remove, or abate, the chiming clock at the Blackstone library" on the ground that the chimes interfered with continued thought and study on the part of patrons of that branch.

The Secretary having stated that the chimes have been out of order for a few weeks and that he has already given instructions to have them put in repair, he was directed to notify Mr. Fuller of this fact.

From T. H. Ziegler, Riverside, Ill., requesting that the Riverside high school be allowed a Library card in order that books may be drawn from the Chicago Public Library for the use of that school.

Referred to the Secretary, with instructions to obtain further information as to what is wanted.

From Thos. P. Conry, engineer-janitor at the Blackstone Branch Library, through the Librarian, praying the Board for an increase in salary.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Mrs. Anne Coover, praying the Board to transfer her from the Hamilton Park reading room to the main Library, the catalog department preferred.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Minnie E. Wills, praying the Board to grant her compensation for time lost on account of illness from December 23d to December 30th, inclusive, and enclosing therewith a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern in the absence of a majority of the Committee on Library moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Stern then presented the following bills and moved that they be approved and be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Eckhart, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$1,482.78
George Barrie & Sons, books	48.00
Rand, McNally & Co., books	18.75
Edgar A. Werner, books	33.75
Em. Terqnem, books, Francs 2305.70 (est.)	461.14
B. F. Stevens & Brown, books and subscriptions £173/9/1 (est.)	844.72
Matthew Bell & Co., binding £35/3/6 (est.)	171.30
Joseph Flucke, binding	428.53
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	743.81
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	274.45
The Barrett Bindery Co., binders	13.85
Bradner, Smith & Co., paper	131.76
John F. Higgins, printing finding lists	132.60
James Watson & Co., printing minutes	36.55
Interstate Press, printing 35th Annual Report	155.71
Sewell-Clapp Mfg. Co., book pockets	46.80
Chicago Paper Co., paper	24.02
Geo. E. Cole & Co., misc. stationery	26.10
Riddle & Wunderle Co., misc. stationery	26.65
Cameron, Amberg & Co., making vouchers, etc.	23.75
H. S. Parrish & Co., rubber stamps	11.45
The Hammond Typewriter Co., shuttles, etc	15.20
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	47.31
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for December, 1907	216.81
	$5,415.79

He, also, presented the following lists of books and moved that they be approved and be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 102 vols., to cost $131.

A list of current English books, 27 vols., to cost $85.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 170 vols., to cost $150.

A list of miscellaneous books to replace worn-out copies, 520 vols., to cost $750.

He, also, presented a list of bills for continuations, reports, special books, etc., amounting to $95.45 and moved that they be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

The motion prevailed.

Also, the report of the Librarian for December, 1907, and recommended that it be printed and filed.

The recommendation was concurred in.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Eckhart, for the Committee, presented a report of the vacancies, appointments and changes of salary for the months of November and December, 1907, and it was received and ordered printed.

It is as follows:

John F. Halpin, page, resigned Nov. 1.
Ladislav Budil, page, resigned Nov. 1.
George A. Thompson, page, resigned Nov. 16.
Claude I. Cody, page, resigned Nov. 30.
Newton S. Purviance, janitor, deceased Dec. 20.
E. F. L. Gauss, first assistant librarian, deceased Dec. 23.

Clerk appointed, $400 per year:
Anna L. Klages, Dec. 5.

Page appointed, $500 per year:
John B. Whidden, Dec. 20.

Pages appointed, $300 per year:
Samuel R. Futransky, Dec. 20.
Nicholas J. King, Dec. 20.
George A. Klein, Dec. 20.
Sullivan Lange, Dec. 20.
Harry Lawson, Dec. 20,
David Rabinowitz, Dec. 20.
Saul Rabinowich, Dec. 20.
Edward A. Rosenblum, Dec. 20.
Seymour F. Stone, Dec. 20.
Fred A. A. Schweizer, Dec. 23.

Janitor appointed, $600 per year:
John Ampey, Dec. 30.

Pages increased in salary, $300 to $350 per year:
Walter B. Flintrup, Nov. 22.
Nathan Levin, Nov. 22.
Malachi Swesnik, Nov. 22.

Page increased in salary, $350 to $400 per year:
Joseph Rosenberg, Dec. 12.

Page increased in salary, $400 to $450 per year:
William Renner, Nov. 2.

Director Eckhart, also, stated that on account of the death of the first assistant librarian a vacancy existed in the cataloging department and moved that Mr. Carl B. Roden be appointed acting superintendent of the cataloging department at a salary of $2,000 per annum, pending action of the Civil Service Commission.

The motion prevailed, as follows;

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee Director Taylor moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Taylor then presented the following bills and moved that they be approved and be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing motor truck	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	66.00
New York & New Jersey Lubricant Co., oil	26.24
Diamond Rubber Co., motor tires	66.53
The Hartford Rubber Works Co., motor tires	104.04
Morgan & Wright, motor tires	46.72
Knox Automobile Company, of Illinois, parts for motor trucks	229.63
The Berkley-Ralston Co., chain grips	40.00
Wayman & Murphy, parts for motor trucks	76.90
	$671.06

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee Director Stern moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Stern called the attention of the Board to the proposal of Foster & Glidden Company, Oak Park, Ill., to install temporarily in the Library building for testing purposes their Key Stone Vacuum Cleaning System on condition that the Library pay the cost of transportation from Oak Park and return and whatever is necessary to make the proper connections with the power plant of the building.

He moved that the proposal of this firm be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to have the system installed, the expense to the Library not to exceed $20.00.

Carried.

Director Stern stated that Marshall Field & Co. have made a proposal to frame the Library's colored photograph of "St. Mark's Cathedral" in a mahogany and ebony frame, lap joined to insure strength, for $73.60 net, and moved that the proposal of that company be accepted, and that they be requested to install the framed picture on the west wall of the art room at an expense, including the installation, of not to exceed $80.00, which shall be paid from the Ryder fund.

Carried.

Director Stern presented the following bills and moved that they be approved and be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	$ 41.18
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	11.00
A. H. Arnold, street sprinkling	17.50
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal (main Liby.)	1,029.95
Frank J. Browning, coal (reading rooms)	35.00
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	26.86
City Collector, street car books and blanks	10.45
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	20.19
Bullard & Gormley Co., misc. hardware	25.24
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	24.75

D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste, etc....	22.55
John F. Walsh, engineering supplies....	6 12
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., engineering supplies	12.27
Illinois Electric Co., enginering supplies.....	11.29
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap....	19.00
W. H Salisbury & Co., rubber goods....	15.40
G. Bossenga, removing ashes.	12.00
George Busse, pictures.....	60.00
Library Bureau, wall cases, settees, etc.	765.25
Marshall Field & Co., framing pictures, etc.....	30.80
J. D. Bartley, book rests....	6.00
Eliel & Loeb, insurance.....	28.40
Burdett - Rowntree Mfg. Co., electric dumb waiters.....	1,500.00
J. L. Bondy Wire & Iron Works Co., guards around book conveyor.....	34.00
The Flanagan & Bidenweg Co., repairing arc lights.....	23.10
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work at bldg.....	37.10
Commonwealth Edison Co., lighting Blackstone branch (2 mos.).....	279.20
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service at Blackstone branch.....	9.30
W. V. Geary, cleaning and sprinkling in front of Blackstone branch.....	25.00
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for December, 1907...	61.55
	$4,209.45

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Stern, Chairman of the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Parks and Public Schools, stated that he had visited and inspected the rooms offered by the South Park Commissioners for branch reading room purposes in Ogden and Sherman Parks and found the room at Ogden Park especially suited for such work. And in view of the nearness to that park of sundry schools and other places where children and young people meet he moved that a branch reading room be opened in the field house at Ogden Park in accordance with the request of Mr. Henry G. Foreman, President of the South Park Commissioners, upon the same conditions as prevail at the branch reading rooms in other field houses of the South Park system, and that the Librarian and Secretary be authorized to take the matter up with said Commissioners and open the room as soon as convenient at an expense for books not to exceed $1,500.

The motion prevailed.

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

Director Stern stated that he had, on behalf of the Committee, investigated the responsibility of Miss Gertrude Graves, whose petition for books for the establishment of a "home circulating library" at Mrs. Falkenstein's Settlement, corner of Armitage avenue and Francisco street, was before the Board on November 11th last and moved that the request of Miss Graves be granted and that she be furnished a case and 50 books for use as stated until further action of the Board.

Carried.

Director Stern reported, informally, that several members of the joint Committee on Delivery Stations and Library had visited Chicago Commons relative to the question of paying $25.00 per month toward the maintenance of a reading room at that place and stated that the joint Committee as yet had arrived at no conclusion in the matter.

Director Eckhart moved that the joint Committee be excused from the further consideration of this matter and that a Special Committee of three be appointed

by the President who shall take up the question of establishing a branch reading room at Chicago Commons or within the district of the Washington school.

Carried.

The President appointed as such Special Committee Directors Eckhart, Stern and Brosseau.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Eckhart presented and read the following resolution:

The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. E. F. L. Gauss, the first assistant librarian.

Mr. Gauss entered the service of the Library on February 12, 1887, and the Board desires to record its appreciation of his faithful services up to the time of his death.

Be it therefore

Resolved, That this memorial minute be spread upon the records of this Board and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Director Stern moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

Carried—All standing.

The Librarian informed the Board of the death on December 20, 1907, of Newton S. Purviance, who for more than twenty-five years faithfully served the Board in the capacity of janitor and door-man.

Director Stern moved that this information be entered upon the records of the Board.

Carried.

Director Stern moved that when the Board should adjourn it should adjourn until Monday, January 27, 1908, at eight o'clock p. m.

Carried.

On motion of Director Eckhart, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR DECEMBER, 1907.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of December was 127,007, against 118,653 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 5,080.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1907.	1906.
Number of recorded visitors	13,968	11,265
Books issued from stacks	37,527	30,282

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 21. Average maximum attendance per hour, 30.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,960. Books consulted, 8,962.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1907.	1906.
Number of visitors	2,513	2,225
Volumes consulted	11,363	10,211

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 331. Bound newspapers consulted, 500. Books for the blind circulated, 70.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 11,577. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 285. Average maximum attendance per hour, 421.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	45	56	49	1,899
No. 2	22	31	26	1,175
No. 3	16	27	14	1,181
No. 4	34	47	44	866
No. 5	15	21	18	3,386
No. 6	41	64	54	2,702
No. 7	26	43	46	1,398
No. 8	19	28	36	336
No. 9	15	19	26	659
No. 10	18	26	43	529

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 26. Average maximum attendance per hour, 76. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,091, of which 307 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 68 delivery stations was 77,054, against 72,750 from 69 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 3,053, of which 1,896 were issued to males, and 1,157 to females. The registration of December, 1906, was 2,193. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 93,707.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies December 1, 1907	4,490
Number of books sent to binderies in December, 1907	1,982
Total number of books at binderies in December, 1907	6,472
Number of books received from binderies in December, 1907	2,867
Number of books at binderies December 31, 1907	3,605
Number of books repaired in Library in December, 1907	4,024

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library December 31, 1907, was 343,383. Received since June 1, 1907, 10,733; since December 1, 1,676. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 6,310; since December 1, 927. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 322; since December 1, 33. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 54; since December 1, 6.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6, 1908.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Directors Cigrand and Brosseau.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Lagorio moved that the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting, held January 6, 1908, be approved as recorded and printed without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication and statement were received from the Deputy City Comptroller:

City of Chicago,
Department of Finance.
CHICAGO, Jan. 13, 1908.

W. B. Wickersham, Esq.,
Sec'y Chicago Public Library, Chicago.

Dear Sir:—I enclose herewith statement of taxes collected during 1907, which includ taxes of 1906 and also 1905 and prior, as taken from the County Collector's report. The amount shown in the statement as "grand total cash received" ($251,485.49) includes the distribution made on this date of the amount held undistributed, $13,963.87.

Very truly,
L. E. GOSSELIN,
Deputy Comptroller.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TAXES OF 1906 AND 1905 AND PRIOR COLLECTED DURING 1907 AS PER COUNTY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Levy based upon valuation rate	$277,071.14
Gain in extension of taxes	2,636.06
Total tax extended	279,707.20
Losses.	
Forfeited to State	1,073.56
Judgments refused	263.58
Appealed	21.75
Errors	128.24
Pending	2.69
Applications withdrawn	3.70
Enjoined	8.30

Personal property uncollected	4,370.67
Total losses	5,872.49
Total amount collected	273,834.71
Costs.	
County Collector's commission, 1%	2,038.66
Town Collector's commission, 2%	1,399.37
County Clerk's fees (extending tax)	19,904.34
Total costs	23,342.37
Total cash received on account 1906	250,492.34

PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED 1906 OMITTED PRIOR YEARS.

Amount of assessments	$14,727.12
Amount uncollected	14,663.84
Amount collected	63 28
County Collector's commission, 1%	.63
Cash received	62.65

TAXES 1905 AND PRIOR COLLECTED 1907.

Amount extended on warrant, 1906	$8,776.03
Amount collected not on warrant, 1906	696.09
Total 1905 and prior to be collected	9,472.12
Losses.	
Forfeited to State	7,936.70
Judgments refused	560.90
Errors	22.52
Applications withdrawn	2.42
Enjoined	9.68
Total losses	8,532.22
Total amount collected	939 90
County Collector's commission, 1%	9.40
Cash received	930.50

SUMMARY CASH RECEIVED.

Total cash received account 1906	$250,492.34
Total cash received account personal property assessed 1906 omitted prior years	62.65
Total cash received account 1905 and prior	930.50
Grand total cash received	$251,485.49

Ordered to be printed and filed.

Communications were received as follows:

From the President and Secretary of the League of Library Commissions, tendering the thanks of the League for the courtesies shown it by the Library Board at its recent meeting in the Public Library building.

Ordered to be filed.

From Albert W. Green, tendering to the Board his store at No. 1711 N. Clark street for a branch reading room.

Director Stern moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with power to act.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7.

Nays—None.

From Rev. A. S. C. Clarke, of Evanston, Ill., praying the Board to grant him a card entitling him to draw books from the Chicago Public Library.

There being no objection, the President ordered that a card be issued to Mr. Clarke.

From Mr. Henry G. Foreman, President of the South Park Commissioners, thanking the Board for its action in ordering a branch reading room opened in Ogden Park field house.

Ordered to be filed.

From Walter E. Elfrink, Secretary of the Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Society of Chicago, requesting the Board to grant that society the use of the "room for the blind" for its monthly meetings.

Director Eckhart moved that the communication be placed on file.

Carried.

From Chicago Telephone Company, making a proposal for furnishing telephone service to the Public Library under the new telephone ordinance.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From D. D. Vaughan, pastor of the Halsted-Street Institutional Church, requesting the Board to supply the rest room for girls and the game room for boys, operated by that church, with a portion of the Public Library books after they are withdrawn from circulation.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Fred. A. Bradley, making application for a position as helper and automobile cleaner.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From T. H. Ziegler, principal of the Riverside high school, requesting the Board to grant him the privilege of drawing books from the Public Library.

There being no objection, the request was granted.

From Mrs. Medora Estes Marshall, of La Grange, Ill., praying the Board to grant her the privilege of drawing books from the Library.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Mrs. Wm. Jackson, on behalf of the Woman's Club of Park Manor, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at 1443 E. Sixty-ninth street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Kate F. Kimball, Executive Secretary of C. L. S. C., praying the Board to grant her a teacher's card on the ground that she is engaged in educational work.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Mrs. H. Esther Loeb Falkenstein, resident head of the settlement house, 783 Armitage avenue, requesting an interview with the Board relative to the establishment of a circulating library at that place.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Kate M. Henneberry, Assistant Librarian, praying the Board to grant her a leave of absence of three months on account of illness, dating from January 8, 1908, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Chas. L. Viane, window-washer, praying the Board to grant him compensation for time lost on account of illness from January 1st to January 12th inst.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Lilyan G. Morawski, Superintendent of Registry Department, praying the Board to grant her compensation for time lost on account of illness, from December 31st to January 4th inclusive, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Agnes Donoghue, clerk, praying

the Board to grant her compensation for time lost on account of illness from December 28, 1907, to January 27, 1908, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Gerald Gearon, office boy, praying the Board for a leave of absence of ninety days on account of illness, beginning December 19, 1907.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern in the absence of a majority of the Committee moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be acted upon in open Board.

Carried.

Director Stern then presented the following lists of books:

A list of current American books, 133 vols., to cost $142.00.

A list of current English books, 26 vols., to cost $70.00.

A list of extra copies of popular juvenile books, 1,399 vols., to cost $700.00.

A list of popular fiction to replace wornout copies, 1,089 vols., to cost $850.00.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch, 195 vols., to cost $200.00.

A list of books on Historical Digest of the Provincial Press, 20 vols., to cost $150.00.

Director Stern moved that the books be purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Roulston, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—7,

Nays—None.

Director Stern, also, presented a bill from Chas. MacDonald & Co., for magazines for the month of January, 1908, amounting to $51.47, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, presented and read the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration having had under consideration various matters relating to the Library service, begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That the petition of Kate M. Henneberry, assistant Librarian, asking for a leave of absence of ninety days, be granted.

2. That the leave of absence of Ottillie Goldberger, clerk, be extended from sixty to ninety days.

3. That the petition of Gerald Gearon, office boy in the cataloging department, asking for a leave of absence of ninety days, be granted.

4. That Mrs. Annie M. Coover, clerk-in-charge at Hamilton Park reading room, be transferred to the main Library at a salary of $450 per year.

5. That the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commission for two clerks-in-charge of branch reading rooms at Hamilton and Ogden Parks at a salary of $600 per year each.

6. That the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commission for two clerks to be employed at the main Library at a salary of $400 per year each.

7. That the petition of Minnie E. Wills, stenographer, asking for pay for

time lost on account of illness, from December 26th to December 30th, be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBT. J. ROULSTON,
JOHN W. ECKHART,
A. LAGORIO,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago. Jan. 27, 1908.

Director Roulston moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Director Roulston was excused by the President and left the room.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following bills and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Avenue reading room	$ 65.00
Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State street reading room	55.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island avenue reading room	70.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room	100.00
Ernst Stock, agent, rent, North avenue reading room	60.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Association, rent, etc., Ashland avenue reading room	75.00
	$425.00

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart presented the following statement of the Public Library fund for 1907 and moved that it be received and be filed and printed.

Carried.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND—APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Fund, January 1, 1907			$208,730.05
Tax Levy, 1907:			
Appropriation by City Council		$475,000.00	
Reduction under "Juul Act"		140,454.62	
			334,545.38
Gain in extending taxes of 1906			2,636.06
Delinquent taxes collected		939.90	
Less 1 per cent. commission		9.40	930.50
Personal property taxes omitted in prior years assessed in 1906		63.28	
Less 1% commission		.63	62.65
Unclaimed wages deposited back			1.67
Interest on funds from City Treasurer			857.02
Miscellaneous receipts			5,747.48
Adjustment of Reserve for Loss and Cost:			
Amount reserved		30,000.00	
County Clerk's fee for extending	19,904.34		
Commission for collecting	3,438.03		
Delinquent taxes	5,872.49	29,214.86	785.14
			554,295.95

EXPENSE.

Salaries—Main Library	123,241.23	
Salaries—Branch Reading Rooms	8,455.72	
Salaries—Delivery Stations	14,410 49	
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	6,884.01	
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	5,831.85	
Books	22,473.98	
Binding	13 947.52	
Finding Lists	2,022.91	
Printing and Stationery	3,720.80	
Newspapers and Periodicals	4,679.48	
Miscellaneous	4,616.78	
Fuel	8,407.31	
Heating and Generating Plant	998.98	
Electric Supplies and Repairs	407.45	
Elevator Supplies and Repairs	253.95	
Janitors Expense	725.79	
Furniture and Fixtures	3,964.32	
Insurance	3,585.17	
Freight and Expressage	314.83	
Postage	649.00	
Books lost and paid for—Refunds	140 75	
Repairs, Alterations and Improvements	4,619.15	
Blackstone Branch Library	8,013 80	
	242,365.27	
Interest on Tax Warrants, 1906	1,580.59	
Interest on Tax Warrants, 1907	731.52	
Reserve for Loss and Cost Taxes, 1907	12,000.00	256,677.38
Balance Library Fund, December 31, 1907		$297,618.57

O. K., M. M. FOOTE,
General Accountant.

L. E. GOSSELIN,
Deputy Comptroller.

INCREASE IN SURPLUS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND,

FROM 1901 to 1907 INCLUSIVE.

			Increase over previous year
1901	Surplus December 31	$ 505.04	.....
1902	" " "	52,325.50	$51,820.46
1903	" " "	118,349.19	66,023.69
1904	" " "	150,258.21	31,909.02
1905	" " "	170,532.79	20,274.58
1906	" " "	208,730.05	38,197.26
1907	" " "	297,618.57	88,888.52

He, also, presented the following resolutions and moved that they be adopted.

The motion prevailed, as follows:

Yeas — Directors Eckhart, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—5.

Nays—None.

Director Taylor was absent from the room during the foregoing roll call.

Whereas, The balance of cash in the hands of the City Treasurer is not sufficient to meet the Library pay roll and other expenses of the Board for the month of January, 1908,

Resolved, That the President, Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to borrow money sufficient to meet the January, 1908, Library pay roll and the miscellaneous expenses for that month by the sale of anticipation warrants drawn against the Library tax levy of 1907, and, if necessary, to provide for similar expenses of the Board for February, 1908, and until the collection of taxes shall be sufficient to meet the needs of the Library.

Resolved, That any trust funds of the Library Board, not permanently invested, may be used in the purchase of said anticipation warrants.

Director Eckhart, also, presented the report of the International Audit Company on the audit of the books and accounts of the Public Library for the three months ending November 30, 1907, and moved that it be received and be printed and filed.

Carried.

CHICAGO, January 25th, 1908.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago:

Gentlemen: — We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the three months ending 30th November, 1907.

We present the following statements prepared from the books of the Library, all of which we certify to be correct.

1. Ledger Balances, 30th November, 1907.

2. Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Library Fund, for the three months ending 30th November, 1907.

3. Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, for the months of September, October and November, 1907.

We are pleased to be able to report that the books have been kept in the usual careful and correct manner.

Yours respectfully,

THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT COMPANY.

(Signed) By JOHN MCLAREN,
President.

(Signed) ROBERT NELSON, C. A.,
Certified Public Accountant, Manager.

LEDGER BALANCES, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

DEBITS.

Due from Comptroller	$548,668.81
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00
Tax Warrants, City of Chicago	30,000.00
Real Estate, Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00
Cash	31,415.16
	$779.583.97

CREDITS

Public Library Fund:			
Fund of 1879 and prior years		$ 23,534.44	
Library Fund		291,134.87	
Delinquent Taxes		28,395.38	
Reserve Fund for Interest		604.12	
		$343,668.81	
Reserve for Reduction of 1907 Appropriation	$175,000.00		
Reserve for Loss and Cost of 1906 Taxes	30,000 00	205,000.00	
		$548,668.81	
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00		
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,113.82		
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00		
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,667.85		
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00		
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	13,694.61		
Security Deposits	1,035.25		
Special Deposits	100 00		
Incidental Fund	303.63		
		230,915.16	
			$779,583.97

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THREE MONTHS ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund 1st September, 1907		$352,553 49
Quarterly Receipts		1,414.35
Interest on Balances in City Treasury		118.96
		$354,086.80

EXPENDITURE.

Books		$ 5,598.24	
Newspapers and Periodicals		2,233.46	
Binding		3,560.72	
Books lost and paid for—Refunds		44.10	
Finding Lists		80.09	
Freight and Expressage		72.48	
Postage		130.00	
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous		1,329 92	
Branch Reading Rooms "		1,469.01	
Salaries:			
Main Library	$31,426.63		
Branch Reading Rooms	2,224.05		
Delivery Stations	3,613,13		
		37,263.81	

Miscellaneous Expense	2,601.85	
Printing and Stationery	620.29	
Fuel	2,179.14	
Heating and Generating Plant	233.63	
Electric Supplies and Repairs	194.33	
Elevator " "	9.74	
Repairs, Alterations and Improvements	1,850.66	
Janitors Expense	175.54	
Furniture and Fixtures	666.94	
Insurance	19.55	
Blackstone Branch Library	2,244.45	
	$62,577.95	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants	373.98	
		62,951.93
Balance Library Fund, 30th November, 1907		$291,134.87

DUE FROM COMPTROLLER, AT 30TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

Public Library Fund, 1879 and prior years	$ 23,534.44
Public Library Fund, 1907	291,134.87
Delinquent Taxes	28,395.38
Reserve for Accrued Interest	604.12
Reserve for loss and cost of taxes, 1906	30,000.00
Reserve for Reduction of Appropriation, 1907	175,000.00
	$548,668.81

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, THREE MONTHS ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

	Sept., 1907.	Oct., 1907.	Nov., 1907.
Cash balance at close of previous month	$29,842.32	$29,612.45	$29,655.27
Miscellaneous Receipts	46.20	11.55	11.10
Finding Lists	42.75	62.59	65 19
Books lost and paid for	51.35	49.60	50.60
Deposits	176.00	201.00	264.25
Fines	673.22	679.16	694.47
Comptroller for Incidental Fund		290.58	306.26
Ryder Fund Income			125.00
Kelly Fund Income			1,500.00
	$30,831.84	$30,906.93	$32,672.14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Comptroller	$ 476.91	$ 463.32	$ 474.12
Deposits Repaid	189.50	142.50	239.25
Books	1.00	106.05	84.04
Newspapers and Periodicals		3.00	1.55
Books lost and paid for—Refunds	13.10	9.50	21.50
Freight and Expressage	32.43	24.77	15.28
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	6.16	6.80	11.46
Branch Reading Rooms—Miscellaneous	2.10	3.76	8.55
Blackstone Branch Library	.40	60.38	
Postage	50.00	55.00	25.00
Printing and Stationery	1.75	7.66	2.75
Heating and Generating Plant	4.86	9.83	3.78
Janitors Expense			5.28
Pension Fund	336.61	339.58	347.24
Miscellaneous Expense	18.77	19.51	17.18
Ryder Fund Income—Books Purchased	65.80		
	$ 1,219.39	$ 1,251.66	$ 1,256.98
Cash on hand at close of month	29,612.45	29,655.27	31,415.16
	$30,831.84	$30,906.93	$32,672.14

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	Sept., 1907.	Oct., 1907.	Nov., 1907.
Hiram Kelly Fund	$200,000.00	$200,000.00	$200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	12,194.61	12,194.61	13,694.61
W. H. Ryder Fund	10,000 00	10,000.00	10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	1,988.82	1,988.82	2,113.82
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,667.85	1,667.85	1,667.85
Incidental Fund	209.42	193.74	303.63
Security Deposits	951.75	1,010.25	1,035.25
Special Deposits	100 00	100.00	100.00
	$229,112.45	$229,155.27	$230,915.16
Deduct: Funds Invested:			
Mortgage Loans	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500 00
City of Chicago Tax Warrants	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Real Estate, Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
	$199,500.00	$199,500 00	$199,500.00
Balance	29,612.45	29,655.27	31 415.16
	$229,112.45	$229,155.27	$230,915.16

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Eckhart, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at last meeting on the question of opening a branch reading room at Chicago Commons, or in the immediate vicinity, reported that the Committee had given attention to the object of its appointment, but was not ready to make a final report and asked for further time.

Further time was granted.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Stern stated that Miss Wood, Librarian-in-charge of the Blackstone branch library, desired to give an entertainment to the children belonging to the Blackstone Library League and to other children in that part of the city whom she desires to interest in the use of the books at that branch and moved that the sum of $35.00 be appropriated for the expenses connected with such an entertainment, including the rent of the auditorium in the Y. M. C. A. building on Fifty-third street, the cost of operating the stereopticon, etc.

The motion prevailed.

Director Eckhart suggested that it might be feasible to give an entertainment for the children and young people in the branch reading room in Lewis Institute and in other reading rooms that were of suitable size, and moved that this question be referred to the Special Committee appointed by the President on September 16, 1907, to consider the question of providing free lectures in the branch reading rooms and park field houses during the present winter.

The motion prevailed.

The Librarian stated that H. S. Shippey, a patron of the reference room, had defaced a book by writing upon the same and recommended that he be debarred from the privileges of the Library for a period of ninety days.

Director Stern moved that the recommendation of the Librarian be concurred in.

Carried.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern and Lagorio.

Absent—Director Roulston.

In the absence of the Secretary the President appointed H. G. Wilson to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Stern the minutes of the regular meeting held January 27, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from Mr. E. R. Pritchard, Secretary of the Department of Health:

"Chicago, Feb. 6, 1908.

"*Mr. Fred Hild,*

"*Librarian, Public Library, Chicago.*

"*Dear Sir:*—In accordance with our conversation of yesterday I enclose herewith copy of my letter to you of November 5, 1907.

"Very truly yours,

"E. R. PRITCHARD,

"*Secretary.*"

"November 5, 1907.

"*Mr. James F. Bowers,*

"*President Public Library Board.*

"*Dear Sir:* — The Department of Health begs to offer for your consideration a plan of establishing sub-delivery stations for the Public Library at our various public baths, located in different portions of the city. We have given the matter some considerable thought and believe that it can be made mutually beneficial.

"The public baths are city institutions and located in communities where people are not provided with bathing facilities in their homes. It is our desire to secure a larger patronage for these baths among people who seem to regard them as charitable institutions. This is, of course, a mistaken idea; they are simply maintained as a branch of the public service and on a plane with that of the Public Library so far as the public is concerned.

"I enclose you herewith a pamphlet which will give you a good idea of the character of the institutions, as it contains considerable descriptive matter, and also the location of the ten public baths now in operation. We have two more approaching completion and which will be ready for service very soon.

"The Department would be much pleased to have your Board give this matter consideration and to take it up further with you at your convenience.

"Very truly yours,

"E. R. PRITCHARD,

"*Secretary.*"

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

A communication was received from Walter E. Elfrink, secretary of the Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Society of Chicago, requesting the Board to reconsider its action in refusing the Society the use of the "room for the blind," or to give the Society the grounds on which the request was refused.

Director Eckhart moved that the communication be placed on file.

Carried.

A communication was received from Rev. Clarence T. Brown, pastor of the Hinsdale Congregational Church, Hinsdale, Ill., praying the Board to grant him Library privileges.

Referred to the Committee on Library with power to act.

Petitions for delivery stations were received as follows:

From citizens in the vicinity of 1936 West 103d street, under the care of Miss A. Felter, at 679 West Taylor street, under the care of J. Reisman, and at 1701 West 12th street, under the care of Alphonse Thivierge.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

Two communications were received from Mr. E. R. Pritchard, Secretary of the Department of Health, addressed to the Librarian, in reference to the ventilation in the reading room in the Library building.

The Librarian stated that the contents of the letter had been given to the public press before he had received the communication.

Director Taylor moved that the following reply be sent to the Department of Health in answer to Mr. Pritchard's letters.

Carried.

"February 10, 1908.

"*To the Commissioner of Health,*

"*Department of Health of the City of*

"*Chicago.*

"*Dear Sir:*—In acknowledging the receipt of the communication of your secretary under date of February 5, 1908, the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library regret that publicity was given the criticism and request of your department long before the receipt of the same by us. We wish to assure you of our desire to make our system of ventilation, in the installation and operation of which we have spared no necessary expense, as effective as possible. To that end we request you to furnish us with the report of the tests made by your experts, of which in a subsequent communication we are informed by your secretary. We shall then be enabled more intelligently to enter into co-operation with you in effecting any improvement in the ventilation which may upon conference seem feasible.

"Very respectfully yours,

"JAMES F. BOWERS,

"*President.*"

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, presented the following matters approved and recommended by the Committee:

That the following books be ordered purchased:

A list of current American books, 112 vols., to cost $135.00.

A list of English books, 18 vols., to cost $55.00.

A list of popular juvenile books to be replaced, 1,737 vols., to cost $1,000.00.

A list of Operas, 132 vols., to cost $290.00.

Also a list of bills for continuations, subscriptions, etc., amounting to $41.12, to be paid from the incidental fund.

Also, that an edition of 5,000 copies of the English prose fiction finding list be ordered at an estimated cost of $500.co.

Director Brosseau moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

He, also, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$1,961.89
Chas. MacDonald & Co., books	19.20
Dodd. Mead & Co.. books	94.00
Detroit Book Exchange, books	27.00
M. A. Vinson, book	15.00
Reuben H. Donnelley, correcting Atlas of Chicago	25.00
Otto Harrassowitz, books.Marks, 1'99.80 (est.)	383.95
C. E. Stechert & Co., periodicals and books	1,146.20
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	55.10
The H. W. Wilson Co., subscription to Book Review Digest	10.00
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	576.77
Joseph Flucke, binding	305.38
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	186.80
The Arabol Mfg. Co., glue	10.56
Barrett Bindery Co., "Emerson' binders	311.29
Gaylord Bros., binders	5.94
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	28.55
Midland Paper Co., paper	23.10
Sewell-Clapp Mfg. Co., book pockets	88.20
James Watson & Co., printing	26.90
Faulkner Ryan Co., printing Library and Teacher's cards	65.25
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing reference room slips	37.50
Joseph F. Leaming & Co., book labels	9.00
A. L. A. Publishing Board, subscriptions and cards	12.22
Cameron, Amberg & Co., record books, etc	31.95
Geo. E. Cole & Co., misc. stationery	11.08
Shea, Smith & Co., misc. stationery	31 70
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for January, 1908	120.85
	$5,620.38

He, also, presented the report of the Librarian for January, 1908, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

Director Brosseau, Chairman, reported back sundry matters referred to the Committee on Library and recommended as follows:

1. That the petition of Mrs. Medora Estes Marshall, of LaGrange, Ill., asking that a Library card be issued to her, be granted.

2. That the communication of Kate G. Kimball, Executive Secretary of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, asking for a teacher's card, be granted.

3. That the petition of Rev. D. D.

Vaughan, pastor of the Halsted-Street Institutional Church, requesting the Board to donate a portion of the books withdrawn from circulation, be referred to the Librarian with power to act.

It was moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Brosseau moved that the expenditure of a sum not to exceed $1,600, for new books and periodicals for a branch reading room, to be opened at No. 1711 N. Clark street, be authorized.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Eckhart, for the Committee, reported back sundry petitions referred to the Committee and recommended as follows:

1. That the petition of Chas. L. Viane, window washer, for salary for time lost on account of sickness, January 2d to 11th inclusive, be granted.

2. That the petition of Lilyan G. Morawski, Superintendent of Registry Department, for salary for time lost on account of sickness, from December 31st to January 4th, be granted.

3. That the petition of Agnes Donoghue, clerk, asking for compensation for time lost on account of sickness, from December 30th to January 25th, be granted, and that half pay be allowed Miss Donoghue for the time lost.

4. That the petition of Fred. A. Bradley, applying for a position as helper and automobile cleaner, be placed on file.

Director Eckhart moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Cigrand, Chairman, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing motor truck	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	96.25
Knox Automobile Company, of Illinois, parts for motor trucks	218.70
Tuthill Spring Co., plates for auto springs	6.00
Samuel Harris & Co., drills, etc	8.00
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	43.31
J. C. Ristenbatt, making model for castings	11.25
Gallaher & Speck, repairs to parts for motor trucks	34.03
Western Electric Co., fibre rod	4.00
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., motor tire	46.73
S. Buchsbaum & Co., parts for motor cars	8.00
John J. McGrath, delivery station sign, etc	8.50
	$499.77

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following recommendations agreed upon by the Committee:

1. That ten air-duct thermometers be ordered purchased from Schaeffer & Budenberg Mfg. Co., at a cost of $60.00, this being the lowest of several bids received.

2. That the proposal of the Library Bureau to furnish a bulletin board and display shelf for the children's room at the Blackstone library for the sum of

$85.00, and a bulletin board for the circulating room at the Blackstone library for the sum of $33.00 be accepted.

Director Novak moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

He, also, reported that bids had been received for furniture and fixtures for the new reading room at No. 1711 N. Clark street, as follows:

Library Bureau, $830.25.

Geo. B. Meleney & Co., $1,087.50.

And moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with power to act.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

He, also, presented the following bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., reading room, 3841 State St.....$	55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, reading room, 226 North Ave.....	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., reading room, 1202 Milwaukee Ave...	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., reading room, 21 Blue Island Ave.....	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., reading room, 821 S. Ashland Ave.....	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room,	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas....	46.06
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	11.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal.....	828.22
Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., toweling, etc	88.80
Marshall Field & Co., clock, screen, mat, etc.....	14.33
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	34.72
A. P. W. Paper Co., toilet supplies.....	60.00
A. Henrotin Co., soap.....	33 60
The Haegele Ice Co., ice...	20.04
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail.	9.00
Lamson Consolidated Store Service Co., repairing cash carriers	8.18
A. Hannibal, repairing chairs	14.50
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works. oil.	32.45
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., engineering supplies	12.68
John Johnston & Co., iron.....	6.80
Arthur Harris & Co., copper funnels....	4.75
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	12.00
Re-New Lamp Co., incandescent lamps	195.00
Peerless Electric Co., rewinding keystone armature.	29.00
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware.....	23.86
The Republic Metalware Co., garbage cans, pails, cups, etc.....	23.63
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap..... ..	18.90
The Globe Soap Co., soap powder.....	4.83
Sprague, Warner & Co., soap.....	13.50
Wm. Dilley, mop wringers, etc	11.50
The Shavings & Sawdust Co., sawdust.	9.00
Library Bureau, oak combination art book case, etc.....	403.40
F. Herhold & Sons, chair.....	13.75
Morava Construction Co , building, etc., auto shed.....	1,651 00
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work.....	127.20
Murphy-Dugger Clark Co., faucets.....	78.00
Commonwealth Edison Co., lighting Blackstone branch.....	146.80
Frank J. Browning, coal.....	64.80
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for January, 1908	82.95
	$4,559.25

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for bids for five double-faced steel book cases for the patent department.

Carried.

Director Novak presented the following report on the communication of Albert W. Greene, offering his store for a branch reading room, and moved that the action of the Committee be concurred in and that the letter of Mr. Greene be placed on file.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the President—8.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: — Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred, with power to act, at the last meeting of the Board, the proposal of Albert W. Greene to furnish his store, at No. 1711 N. Clark street, for a branch reading room and delivery station, begs leave to report that after an examination of the premises and full consideration of the question it agreed to rent this store for said purposes at a rental of $75.00 per month, including steam heat. The Secretary was authorized to prepare leases to take effect April 1, 1908, and to expire April 30, 1909.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. NOVAK,
B. J. CIGRAND,
JULIUS STERN,

Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Chicago, Feb. 10, 1908.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Eckhart, Chairman, presented the bill of the International Audit Company, amounting to $25.00, upon its audit of the books and accounts of the Public Library for three months ending November 30, 1907, and moved that it be ordered paid.

Carried.

He, also, reported that he had appeared with the President before the Finance Committee of the City Council, and that that Committee had agreed to recommend an appropriation for 1908 of $475,000.00, the amount asked by the Library Board.

He, also, reported, informally, in the matter of money due the Library fund from the city, that the Finance Committee did not see its way to reimburse the Library fund at the present time, but agreed to take the matter up before reporting finally to the Council.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Eckhart, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed on the question of opening a branch reading room in Chicago Commons, or in the immediate vicinity, recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that a room, 60x21 feet, on the ground floor in the Chicago Commons, be leased for a period of one year at a rental of $50.00 per month, which includes the cost of lighting, heating and janitor service, and moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to arrange the terms of the lease with the Chicago Commons Association.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Eckhart, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Directors Brosseau and Taylor not voting.

Director Brosseau moved that the ex-

penditure of a sum of money not to exceed $900.00 for books and periodicals and $500.00 for furniture and fixtures for the reading room, to be opened in Chicago Commons, be authorized.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Brosseau, Eckhart, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio and the Presideut—8.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Brosseau, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR JANUARY, 1908.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of January was 144,655, against 126,811 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 26 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 5,564.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1908.	1907.
Number of recorded visitors	17,350	13,890
Books issued from stacks	44,727	37,979

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 25. Average maximum attendance per hour, 34.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 3,613. Books consulted, 10,539.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1908.	1907.
Number of visitors	2,856	2,524
Volumes consulted	12,837	11,699

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 441. Bound newspapers consulted, 702. Books for the blind circulated, 93.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 12,421. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 320. Average maximum attendance per hour, 460.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	44	59	46	2,272
No. 2	24	34	28	1,324
No. 3	17	26	13	1,210
No. 4	38	56	45	1,012
No. 5	18	28	15	1,393
No. 6	48	72	59	3,212
No. 7	25	46	43	1,692
No. 8	23	35	41	375
No. 9	20	31	34	765
No. 10	22	32	47	597

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 26. Average maximum attendance per hour, 70. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,617, of which 392 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 87,223, against 77,803 from 69 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 4,854, of which 2,877 were issued to males, and 1,977 to females. The registration of January, 1907, was 2,885. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,603.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies January 1, 1908	3,605
Number of books sent to binderies in January, 1908	2,931
Total number of books at binderies in January, 1908	6,536
Number of books received from binderies in January, 1908	2,049
Number of books at binderies January 31, 1908	4,487
Number of books repaired in Library in January, 1908	3,704

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library January 31, 1908, was 345,563. Received since June 1, 1907, 13,935; since January 1, 1908, 3,202. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 7,278; since January 1, 968. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 376; since January 1, 54. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 57; since January 1, 3.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10, 1908.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Bowers, in the chair, and Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—Directors Novak and Taylor.

In the absence of the Secretary the President appointed H. G. Wilson to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Roulston, the minutes of the regular meeting, held February 10, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk:

"City of Chicago,
"Office of the Clerk,
"February 24, 1908.

"*Mr. W. B. Wickersham,*
"*Secretary Library Board.*

"*Dear Sir:*—I have the honor to inform you that at a regular meeting of the City Council, held on the 17th day of February, 1908, his honor, the Mayor, appointed, as members of the Library Board, the following named gentlemen, which appointments were confirmed by the City Council:

"Edward A. Blodgett, *vice* John W. Eckhart, term expired.

"Arba N. Waterman, *vice* Z. P. Brosseau, term expired.

"Bernard J. Cigrand, to succeed himself.

"Since the date of their appointment, the above named have called at this office and qualified.

"Very respectfully,
"JOHN R. MCCABE."

The President introduced the new members and welcomed them on behalf of the Board.

Communications were received as follows:

From L. E. Gosselin, deputy comptroller, calling the attention of the Board to unpaid bills against the Library for elevator inspections.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Finance.

From Dr. Walter H. Fox, president of the Chicago Esperanto Society, requesting the use of one of the rooms in the Library building for study purposes and instruction in Esperanto.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Rev. Edgar Beckwith, Maywood, Ill., requesting the Board to grant him a Library card.

On motion of Director Stern, the request was granted.

From Elizabeth A. Eagle, 476 Elm street, requesting the Board to donate a portion of the worn-out children's books for use in the St. Elizabeth's Day Nursery.

Referred to the Librarian with power to act.

From W. A. Swenson, requesting the Board to establish a delivery station in his store, located at 2515 Lincoln avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Joseph J. Zak, requesting the Board to establish a delivery station at his store, Milwaukee and Belmont avenues.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens in the vicinity of 781 W. Ohio street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at that number under the care of Mrs. Nellie Briarton.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Joseph E. Young, enclosing a petition signed by citizens of the east part of the Fourteenth ward, praying the Board to establish a branch reading room in the Emerson school, corner of Walnut and Paulina streets.

Referred to the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks.

From R. E. Berlet, requesting the Board to establish a branch reading room in the vicinity of Lincoln and Belmont avenues.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Carrie L. Elliott, superintendent of the reference department, praying the Board to grant her compensation for time lost on account of illness from January 21st to January 28th inclusive, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Bess Goldberg, clerk, praying the Board to grant her compensation for time lost on account of illness on January 30th, 31st and February 1st.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Anna W. Thayer, clerk at the Blackstone branch library, praying the Board to grant her compensation for time lost on account of illness on January 22d, January 25th to 28th, inclusive.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Christian A. Lange, superintendent of branch reading room No. 3, requesting the Board to grant him compensation for time lost on account of illness from January 28th to February 10th,

1908, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, for the Committee, submitted the following lists of books agreed upon:

A list of current American books, 118 vols., to cost $162.00.

A list of current English books, 8 vols., to cost $20 00.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 160 vols., to cost $150.00.

Director Stern moved that the books be purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Stern, also, presented a list of miscellaneous bills for continuations, periodicals and special books, amounting to $21.40, and moved that the bills be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, reported back the petition of Rev. Clarence T. Brown, Hinsdale, Ill., requesting that a Library card be issued to him, and moved that the request be granted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Roulston, Chairman, reported that the Librarian had suspended Seymour F. Stone, a page, on February 1st inst. for a period of seven days, without pay, on account of conduct detrimental to the service, and moved that the action of the Librarian be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Roulston, also, reported that Wm. Sheridan, a page, had been transferred to the evening service January 30, 1908, *vice* Wm. Renner, recently transferred from the evening to the day service.

Director Roulston, also, reported back the petition of Carrie L. Elliott for compensation for time lost on account of illness from January 21st to the 28th, inclusive, and moved that full pay be granted Miss Elliott for the time lost.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Stern, in the absence of the Chairman, stated that a proposal had been received from the Art Metal Construction Company for furnishing 100 steel shelves for book stacks for the sum of $63.00, and moved that the proposal be accepted and that the shelves be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Director Stern presented a letter from Jacob Reitz, chief engineer, recommending the removal of the apparatus for conveying coal to the boiler room and of the coal storage tanks in the boiler room, and moved that bids be obtained for the removal of this machinery.

Carried.

Director Stern called the attention of the Board to the expiration of the leases for six of the branch reading rooms on April 30th next, and moved that the question of renewing these leases be re-

ferred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with power to act.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Stern, for the Committee, reported back the proposal of the Chicago Telephone Company, referred to the Committee on January 27th ult., and stated that a supplementary proposition had been received giving the Library the benefit of the 25 per cent. discount allowed under the ordinances to the different departments of the city government.

He stated that the Committee, together with the Librarian and Secretary, had considered the matter very carefully with the idea of getting the best possible service for the Library, and had agreed to recommend that a contract be entered into with the Chicago Telephone Company for measured service in accordance with the company's proposition of February 14, 1908, providing service as follows:

2 measured trunk lines, including 7,200 messages, per annum	$204.00
1 measured service trunk line, including no messages, per annum	24 00
27 terminals at $6.00 each, per annum	162.00
1 trunk line for power lead, per annum	24.00
Total	$414.00

No charge for in-coming and intercommunicating service.

All out-going local messages in excess of 7,200, 2 cents each.

Less 25% discount, as provided in the ordinance, on the entire cost of service.

It also provides for a new private branch exchange switching apparatus and new instruments throughout the building wherever needed.

Director Stern moved that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Cigrand, Roulston, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

NEW BUSINESS.

The President stated that the next order of business would be the election of officers and that nominations for President would be in order.

Director Roulston nominated Director Cigrand for President.

There being no other nominations, Director Roulston moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Board for Director Cigrand for President.

Carried.

The Secretary having cast the ballot, the Chair declared Director Cigrand elected President.

Director Bowers vacated the chair, and, after thanking the Board for its hearty co-operation and support during his term of office, introduced the new President.

Director Cigrand took the chair and thanked the Board for the honor conferred.

The nomination of Vice-President being in order, Director Lagorio nominated Director Roulston.

There being no further nominations, Director Bowers moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Board for Director Roulston for Vice-President.

Carried.

The Secretary having cast the ballot, the President declared Director Roulston elected Vice-President.

The election of Secretary being in order, Director Roulston nominated W. B. Wickersham.

Director Bowers seconded the motion.

Director Bowers moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Board for Mr. Wickersham for Secretary.

The Secretary having cast the ballot, the President declared W. B. Wickersham elected Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the Standing Committees of the Board as follows:

Library:

Directors Stern, Bowers, Taylor.

Administration:

Directors Lagorio, Bowers, Roulston.

Delivery Stations:

Directors Blodgett, Taylor, Roulston.

Buildings and Grounds:

Directors Novak, Stern, Blodgett.

Finance:

Directors Bowers, Stern, Waterman.

By-Laws:

Directors Waterman, Novak, Lagorio.

On motion of Director Bowers the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Secretary pro tem.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—Directors Novak and Taylor.

In the absence of the Secretary, it was moved that H. G. Wilson be appointed to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

Carried.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Bowers, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 24, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

The President presented an address, in writing, outlining to the Board the policies which he deemed most beneficial and advisable to have inaugurated for the growth of the Library, and the broadening of its work as an institution of learning and as an integral part of the educational outfit of the city; and, at his suggestion, it was, on motion, duly moved and seconded, placed on file for future reference.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from L. E. Gosselin, Deputy Comptroller, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance:

"City of Chicago,
"Department of Finance.
"Chicago, March 4, 1908.

"*W. B. Wickersham, Esq.*,
"*Secretary Chicago Public Library,*
"*Chicago.*

"*Dear Sir:*—You are respectfully advised that there has been received from the County Collector and deposited with the City Treasurer to the credit of Library Fund the amount of $9,174.20, the same being the proceeds of assessments made in 1906 covering personal property taxes which should have been levied in the years 1899 to 1905 against the estate of Marshall Field. This amount deposited with the City Treasurer represents the

collection by him of $9,266.87, less his commission of 1 per cent., $92.67.

"Yours truly,

"L. E. Gosselin,

"*Deputy Comptroller.*"

A communication from Miss Louise Roth, acting chairman of the Library Committee of Chicago Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, asking the co-operation of the Board and the use of the Library rooms in the furtherance of a movement for library extension as proposed by that organization.

Director Stern moved that the request be granted and that the plans, as outlined in Miss Roth's communication, be approved, and that the Librarian be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed $25.00 in the carrying out of the proposed plans.

Carried.

A communication from Miss Kate M. Henneberry, assistant Librarian, tendering her resignation as an employé of the Board.

On motion of Director Bowers, the resignation was accepted and the Secretary was instructed to express to Miss Henneberry the Board's appreciation of her long years of service while in its employ.

Carried.

A communication from Emily T. Larson, clerk, praying the Board for compensation for time lost from February 13th to 20th, inclusive, on account of her own sickness and death in the family.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Mathilda S. Nodek, clerk, praying the Board for compensation for time lost on account of sickness from January 5th to February 11th, 1908.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Margaret Crain, clerk, praying the Board for compensation for time lost from February 25th to 29th; inclusive, on account of illness, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented the following lists of books, agreed upon by the Committee, and moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 114 vols., to cost $140.00.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 48 vols., to cost $60.00.

A list of Directories of various cities, 8 vols., to cost $40.00.

He, also, presented a list of miscellaneous books, continuations, etc., amounting to $12.27, and moved that the bills be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Director Stern presented a letter from the Librarian of Congress calling attention to the fact that the deposit of funds with the Library of Congress for printed catalog cards and proof sheets was overdrawn, and moved that the sum of $250.00 be forwarded to the Librarian of Congress to make good the overdraft and

for renewal of our deposit with that Library.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Stern presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$2,485.74
Oregon Pioneer Ass'n, books	17.08
Rand, McNally & Co., Atlas	10.50
Bruno Hessling Co., books	12.70
Charles Scribner's Sons, book	9.55
G. Schirmer, books	270.17
Geo. F. Cram, Atlas	10.50
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	722.49
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	319 51
John F. Higgins, printing Bulletin No. 83	32.50
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper	14.68
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	56.26
The Paper Mills Co., blotting paper	6.50
Wallior Ink Works, ink	6.00
Kirk's Ink Co., paste	9.60
Sewell-Clapp Mfg. Co., envelopes	30.39
Cameron, Amberg & Co., record books, etc	24.25
Edwards & Hancock, typewriting supplies	49.50
James Watson & Co., printing	39.70
Faulkner Ryan Co., printing	21.50
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	33.75
Schulkins & Co., printing	9.75
The Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C., printed catalog cards	250.00
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals and books	53.80
Street's Pandex of the News, subscription	10.00
W. B. Wickersham, Secretary, cash expenditures for February, 1908	127.15
	$4,633.57

He, also, presented the report of the Librarian for February, 1908, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, Chairman, reported that the Librarian had suspended Sol Rabin, page, on account of inefficiency, and DeWitt C. Porges, page, on account of habitual tardiness, and moved that the action of the Librarian be approved and that he be instructed to prefer charges before the Civil Service Commission against these two employés with the view of their permanent separation from the service.

Carried.

Director Lagorio, on behalf of the Committee, reported back the petitions of Bess Goldberg and Anna W. Thayer, clerks, for compensation for time lost on account of illness, and moved that the petitions be not granted.

Carried.

He, also, reported back the petition of Christian A. Lange, superintendent of Reading Room No. 3, for compensation for time lost on account of illness and moved that the petition be filed.

Carried.

He, also, reported back the petition of Dr. William H. Fox, President of the Chicago Esperanto Society, asking permission to use a room in the Library building for study and instruction in "Esperanto" and moved that the petition be filed.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following list of vacancies, appointments and changes of salary for the months of January and

February, 1908, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

Clerks appointed, $400 per year:
Dorothy Bastin, Jan. 20th.
Minnie R. Grosser, Jan. 20th.
Clerks appointed, $600 per year (branch reading rooms):
Emma L. Shaw, Feb. 3d.
Frances C. Cantner, Feb. 7th.
Page, salary changed from $300 per year to $1.00 per day:
Samuel R. Futransky, Jan. 4th.
Clerk, salary changed from $600 to $450 per year:
Anne M. Coover, Feb. 3d.
Pages, salary increased from $300 to $350 per year:
George Reifschneider, Feb. 8th.
Edward Peterson, Feb. 12th.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Blodgett, Chairman, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing motor truck	$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	62.00
Valvoline Oil Co., oil	26.25
New York and New Jersey Lubricant Co., oil	7.50
Knox Automobile Company, of Illinois, parts for motor trucks	149.01
The Hartford Rubber Works Co., rubber tires	103.31
The Diamond Rubber Co., rubber tires	82.86
S. Buchsbaum & Co., parts for automobile trucks	12.00
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, repairing station trunks, etc	36.50
	$494.43

Director Blodgett called attention to a communication from Mr. W. A. Purer, superintendent of delivery stations, in which he stated that owing to the great increase in the circulation of books on the South Side the reserve automobile had been put into service and that he was still unable to take care of all the work, and recommended that a new automobile be purchased by the Board.

Director Bowers moved that the Secretary be instructed to advertise for bids for one new automobile truck and for one combination passenger car with removable tonneau which can be used for inspection service, and, in cases of necessity, for the transportation of books.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Blodgett stated that complaints had been made of improper management of the station located at 1681 W. Twelfth street and moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations with power to act.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

In the absence of the Chairman, Director Stern reported that the following proposals had been received for five metallic book stacks in the Patent Department:

General Fireproofing Co	$ 886.00
Art Metal Construction Co	1,664.00
Geo. E. Meleney & Co	2,600.00
American Iron & Wire Works	2,720.00
Library Bureau	3,675.60

He stated that the bid of the General Fireproofing Company was not in accordance with the plans and specifications, as submitted, and moved that a contract be entered into with the Art Metal Construction Company in accordance with their proposal of $1,664.00.

Also, that a filing case and base was needed in the registry department, and recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that an oak case, to match the furniture already in the room, be purchased at a sum not to exceed $140.00.

Director Stern moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Stern reported that bids had been received for the removal of the coal conveying and storing apparatus in the boiler rooms, but that they were not satisfactory to the Committee, and moved that the matter be referred to the Committee with power to act.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Avenue reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., reading room,	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., gas	37.62
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	11.00
Marshall Field & Co., framing picture	73 60
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	852.29
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	16.62
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	30.46
City Collector, City of Chicago, street car books	8.44
Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	8.17
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	14.70
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	7.50
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., selected wipers	4.55
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., engineering supplies	10.70
Jandus Electric Co., globes	16.35
Morrisson, Plummer & Co., ammonia, etc.	10.43
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	20.80
Library Bureau, misc. furniture, etc	542.50
The Barrett Bindery Co., punching press	26.00
J. J. Sherman, making book shelves	10.00
E. Baggot Co., plumbing supplies	67.33
Mears-Slayton Lumber Co., lumber	41.41
T. W. Wilmarth Co., bracket	25.00
Fred Kaltenbach, installation of ventilation in room No. 25	79.00
Dugger-Clark Co., plumbing supplies	37.50
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	108.65
W. B. Wickersham, Sec'y, cash expenditures for February, 1908	118.49
	$2,697.91

Director Stern called the attention of the Board to the claim of the Library Board against the Chicago Union Traction Company for damage done to one of the Library automobiles in a collision between a trolley car belonging to that company and one of the Library automobiles on December 18, 1907, and moved

that the matter be referred to Director Blodgett for adjustment.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Bowers, Chairman, reported to the Board that Mr. William B. Wickersham, Secretary of the Board since 1872, was confined to his bed at his home, a very sick man, and to regain his health his physician had ordered a long period of absolute rest and quiet.

In consideration of the long years of faithful and efficient service, Director Bowers moved that a six months' leave of absence, with full pay, be granted Mr. Wickersham, and that H. G. Wilson be made Acting Secretary during the absence of Mr. Wickersham.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Bowers, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, It has been brought to the attention of the Library Board that certain moneys from back taxes assessed in 1906, and covering a period of years from 1899 to 1905, amounting to $9,174.20, have been deposited to the credit of the Library Fund, and

Whereas, During the year beginning May 1, 1902, on account of the unforeseen large reduction of the finances of the Board the employés were required to take a month's leave of absence without pay as an enforced measure of economy, and

Whereas, The Library Board at that time felt a moral and legal responsibility to make good the loss in salary sustained by the employés of the Library and bound itself so far as it could to make restitution at the earliest opportunity that the state of its finances would permit, therefore be it

Resolved, That of the sum of $9,174.20, so as above mentioned had and received for unpaid taxes of former years, there be and hereby is appropriated for payment of the salaries so heretofore withheld, such amount as may be found necessary to make such restitution; and that the Secretary do prepare (under the direction of the Committee on Finance) a pay roll for a period of one month for all employés of the Board who were subjected to the loss of one month's pay during the summer and fall of 1902, at the several rates of payment at that time prevailing.

The motion was seconded by Director Stern, who voiced the regret of the Board that Mr. John W. Eckhart, until recently a member of the Board and chairman of the Finance Committee, could not be present to assist in this action for which he had long worked and frequently argued as a simple act of justice.

The motion was put to a vote and carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Director Stern, Chairman of the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks, reported back the letter of Joseph E. Young, accompanied by a petition signed by citizens of the east part of the Fourteenth Ward, praying the Board to establish a branch reading room in the Emerson School, and recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that on account of the proximity

to the reading room at Lewis Institute, located at Madison and Robey streets, the petition be placed on file, and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Director Bowers presented the following Memorial Minute on the death of Mr. Severt T. Gunderson and moved its adoption.

Carried by a rising vote.

MEMORIAL MINUTE.

The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Severt T. Gunderson, who was a member of the Library Board from 1895 to 1898. During his membership he was chairman of the Committee on Delivery Stations, and was also an active member of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Gunderson was a member of the City Council from 1874 to 1876. He served on the Board of Education from 1891 to 1894, and was again appointed a member of that body in 1907. He was an extremely generous and kindly man and in his death the community has lost a valued citizen.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the Board be extended to the afflicted family in its great loss, and

Resolved, That this minute be spread upon the records of the Board and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

The Librarian reported the death of Frank Schmidt, an employé of the Board since 1891.

On motion of Director Roulston, the the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Secretary Pro Tem.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR FEBRUARY, 1908.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of February was 139,135, against 113,156 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 23 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 6,049.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1908.	1907.
Number of recorded visitors	15,733	13,222
Books issued from stacks	41,297	36,518

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 28. Average maximum attendance per hour, 35.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 3,288. Books consulted, 9,760.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1908.	1907.
Number of visitors	2,947	2,190
Volumes consulted	13,092	10,046

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 485. Bound newspapers consulted, 804. Books for the blind circulated, 82.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 11,744. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 307. Average maximum attendance per hour, 454.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	49	61	58	2,389
No. 2	28	41	35	1,342
No. 3	21	34	15	1,410
No. 4	38	55	49	991
No. 5	16	25	15	1,236
No. 6	47	75	65	3,081
No. 7	24	44	41	1,362
No. 8	25	40	45	347
No. 9	20	32	37	815
No. 10	25	35	50	616

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 25. Average maximum attendance per hour, 65. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,303, of which 371 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 81,565, against 69,401 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 4,554, of which 2,823 were issued to males, and 1,731 to females. The registration of February, 1907, was 2,496. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,954.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies February 1, 1908	4,487
Number of books sent to binderies in February, 1908	2,212
Total number of books at binderies in February, 1908	6,699
Number of books received from binderies in February, 1908	2,020
Number of books at binderies March 1, 1908	4,679
Number of books repaired in Library in February, 1908	2,843

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library February 29, 1908, was 348,810. Received since June 1, 1907, 18,137; since February 1, 1908, 4,202. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 8,176; since February 1, 898. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 433; since February 1, 57. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 68; since February 1, 11.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, March 9, 1908.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—Director Roulston.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Lagorio, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 9, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Mr. W. B. Wickersham, expressing to the Board his sincere thanks for the action taken at the last regular meeting granting him a leave of absence.

The communication was received and placed on file.

From Miss Louise Roth, thanking the Board for its co-operation and approval of the plan for public readings and story hours given under the auspices of the Chicago Association of Collegiate Alumnæ.

Received and placed on file.

From F. P. Jolly, 323 Oneida street, Joliet, Ill., asking the Board to reimburse him for articles lost in the check room in the Library building.

It was moved and seconded that the communication be filed and that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Jolly that, while the Board regretted the loss sustained by him, it did not hold itself responsible for the loss of articles in the building.

From the Hon. John F. Smulski, State Treasurer, enclosing a petition from citizens residing in the vicinity of Division street, Noble street and Ashland avenue, requesting the Board to establish a branch reading room at Nos. 141-143 W. Division street in the rooms of the Macierz Polska at that number.

The communication was referred to the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks.

From Mr. Wirt W. Hallam, Secretary of the Chicago Society of Social Hygiene, requesting the use of the "room for the blind" for public meetings of that Society on Saturday afternoons in April and May from two until four o'clock and on Saturday afternoons in June, July and August from one to three o'clock.

Director Taylor moved that the request of the Chicago Society of Social Hygiene for the use of the room on the days and for the purposes mentioned be granted.

Carried.

From Chas. A. Egan, page, accompanied by physician's certificate, praying the Board to grant him compensation for time lost through illness from March 5th to 22d, inclusive.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From John R. Buster, elevator operator, praying the Board for compensation for two days lost on account of illness.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented a list of miscellaneous bills amounting to $18.90, and moved that they be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following lists of books agreed upon by the Committee and moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 138 vols., to cost $162.00.

A list of current English books, 35 vols., to cost $85.00.

A list of books for the blind, 91 vols., to cost $123.00.

A list of miscellaneous books, 22 vols., to cost $58.00.

A list of extra copies of miscellaneous books, 30 vols., to cost $48.00.

A list of current books for the Blackstone branch library, 288 vols., to cost $300.00.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, Chairman, moved that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of considering a report agreed upon by the Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The President appointed Director Taylor to act as Secrerary.

The first recommendation of the Committee on Administration was considered and adopted on roll call, after which it was moved to resume open session.

Director Lagorio then presented the following report:

To the President and Board of Directors,
The Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration having had under consideration various matters relating to the Library service, begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That the salary of Henry G. Wilson, who has been appointed Acting Secretary, be fixed at $2,400 per annum, during the period of the absence of Mr. Wickersham on sick leave, dating from March 1, 1908.

2. That Mathilda S. Nodek be grant-

ed two weeks' pay for time lost on account of illness during January.

3. That Margaret Crain be granted pay for time lost from February 25 to 29, 1908, on account of illness.

4. That the petition of Emily T. Larson for pay for time lost on account of illness be filed.

5. That Samuel Rogalski, superintendent of branch reading room No. 1, be transferred to branch reading room No. 12 in a similar capacity.

6. That Louis S. Dautel, a page, be placed in charge of branch reading room No. 1 at a salary of $900 per annum until the vacancy created by the transfer of Mr. Rogalski is filled by action of the Civil Service Commission.

7. That William Renner, a page, be transferred from the reference to the reading room, without change of salary.

8. That Ottilie Goldberger, a clerk, be transferred from the circulating to the cataloging department, without change of salary.

9. That the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commission for one clerk (female) for the circulating department, at a salary of $400 per annum.

10. That an assistant clerk or page be employed in the Blackstone Branch Library during the busy evening hours, at a compensation not to exceed 25 cents per hour.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. LAGORIO,
JAMES F. BOWERS,
Committee on Administration.

Chicago, March 23, 1908.

Director Bowers moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Blodgett, Chairman, reported on the following matters:

1. That the following petitions for delivery stations be placed on file on account of their proximity to stations already established:

At 679 W. Taylor street, under the care of J. Reisman.

At corner of Milwaukee and Belmont avenues, under the care of J. J. Zak.

At 1443 E. Sixty-ninth street, Park Manor.

2. That the petition of W. A. Swenson for a delivery station at 2515 Lincoln avenue be placed on file, a station in this vicinity having been closed a short time ago on account of lack of patronage.

3. That the petition of R. E. Berlet for the establishment of a branch reading room in the vicinity of Lincoln and Belmont avenues be placed on file on account of the proximity to the new reading room at No. 1711 N. Clark street.

4. That the petition of citizens for a delivery station at 781 W. Ohio street, under the care of Mrs. Nellie F. Briarton, be granted and that a station be opened at that number, on trial, for the usual sixty days, without pay.

5. That the Committee be granted further time for the consideration of sundry matters now in its hands.

Director Blodgett moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, reported on the following matters agreed upon by the

Committee and moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None.

1. That the Secretary be authorized to advertise for proposals for supplying coal to the Library for the year beginning June 1, 1908.

2. That the proposal of the Library Bureau to furnish an oak filing case and base for the registry department for the sum of $120 be accepted, this being the lowest bid received.

3. That the Secretary be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed $150 for the recovering and rehanging of eight awnings and the rehanging of thirteen awnings at the Library building.

4. That additional bids had been received for the removal of the coal-conveying machinery in the boiler room, the bids ranging from $65 to $200, and the Committee would recommend that a contract be entered into with S. Morris & Co. for the removal of the coal-conveying and storing apparatus for the sum of $65.

5. That a contract be entered into with the Chicago Telephone Company for telephone service at the Blackstone branch library in accordance with their proposition to furnish one line and telephone with 1,200 out-going messages for the sum of $60 per annum, excess calls 3 cents each, the entire cost subject to 25 per cent. discount in accordance with the terms of the ordinance of November 6, 1907.

6. That four dozen chairs for the branch reading rooms be ordered purchased from the Library Bureau in accordance with their proposition, for the sum of $160, this being the lowest bid received.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Stern, Chairman of the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks, reported progress on matters in the hands of the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Bowers moved that the Secretary be authorized to turn over to the pension fund all moneys collected as fines for the retention of books beyond the time allowed by the rules of the Library.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Blodgett, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Acting Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—None.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Bowers the minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from Seward M. Gunderson thanking the Board, on behalf of his mother, for the adoption of the Memorial Minute of March 9, 1908, upon the death of Severt T. Gunderson.

The communication was received and placed on file.

The following communication from Miss Louise Roth, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Chicago Association of Collegiate Alumnae was received and ordered printed:

"224½ Warren Ave.,
"April 11, 1908.

"Dr. Cigrand, President of the Library Board of Directors.

"Dear Sir:—The experiment which the Library Board so kindly allowed the Chicago Association of Collegiate Alumnae to make is drawing to an end, and we take this opportunity of inviting and urging the members of the Board to visit us at our last two story-hours for children which are to be given April the 18th and April the 25th by Miss Dora Lyman, and at our last reading for adults, Sunday, the 19th, the reading to be by Miss Jewel Everts of Boston.

"We thank the Board for their kindness and co-operation.

"Four story hours for children have been given at which the number has increased from one hundred and ninety-five to three hundred. Mrs. Gudrum Thomsen gave the first two, Miss Whitcomb the third and Mrs. Hall the fourth. Three readings for adults have been given

at which the attendance has increased from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty. Mrs. Chas. Hull Ewing gave the first, Prof. Gorsuch, the second, and Miss Anna Morgan the third reading.

"Placards, which you so kindly printed, have been placed in all the retail stores of the down town districts, the wholesale houses, boys' homes, settlements, men's lodging houses and libraries. Cards have been distributed in the schools nearest the Public Library, in newsboys' homes and many other places.

"Hoping that you will visit us, I am,

"Very respectfully yours,

"Louise Roth,

"*Chairman of the Library Committee of the Collegiate Alumnae.*"

Communications were received as follow:

From Miss Tillie Smith, keeper of delivery station No. 13 West, asking permission to move her station from its present location, 1817 N. Kedzie avenue, to 574 W. Belmont avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations with power to act.

From Mrs. Emma Harbour, keeper of delivery station No. 6 West, 355 S. Western avenue, asking permission to move the delivery station to No. 978 W. Harrison street.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations with power to act.

From Mrs. Anna Dawson, 1817 N. Kedzie avenue, praying the Board to continue delivery station No. 13 West, now located at that number, and place it under her care.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations with power to act.

From citizens in the vicinity of 929 E. Fifty-first street, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at that number under the care of H. E. Thomson.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Zenske Listy Printing & Publishing Co., calling the attention of the Board to a petition presented last November for the establishment of a delivery station at 1297 S. Central Park avenue.

Director Novak moved that a delivery station be opened at the above location on trial for sixty days without pay.

Carried.

From citizens of Summerdale, praying the Board to open a delivery station at 706 Winnemac avenue under the care of G. W. Galloway.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens residing in Jefferson Park praying for the establishment of a delivery station at 4286 Milwaukee avenue under the care of Ewald Weber.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Miss Ida B. Johnson, clerk, and from the firemen, oilers and coal passers praying the Board for an increase in salary.

Consideration of these two communications was deferred.

From John A. Johnson, janitor, praying the Board for compensation for time lost during the month of March on account of sickness and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Joseph A. Gadwood, praying

the Board for compensation for time lost, twenty-five days, during the month of March, on account of sickness, and enclosing a physician's certificate.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Seymour F. Stone and Samuel R. Futransky, pages, tendering their resignations as employés of the Board.

Director Roulston moved that the resignations be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for one page at a salary of $300 per annum to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Seymour F. Stone.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented the following lists of books agreed upon by the Committee and moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 156 vols., to cost $175.00.

A list of current English books, 33 vols., to cost $26.00.

A list of extra copies of popular books, 243 vols., to cost $245.00.

A list of German fiction, 100 vols., to cost $100.00.

A list of miscellaneous German books, 420 vols., to cost $800.00.

He, also, presented a list of bills for special books, continuations and subscriptions, amounting to $66.66 and moved that they be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following schedule of bills regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried:

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$3,483.25
Geo. E. Warner, books	27.50
Bruno Hessling Co., books	20.50
The Bible House, books	14.25
Richter Brothers, books	24.00
The Boston Book Co., books	45.00
Hougbton Mifflin Co., books	15.75
The University of Chicago Press, books	9.00
Teacbers College, books	18.20
G. Schirmer, books	27.50
G. E. Stecbert & Co., books and periodicals	39.70
Em. Terquem, books, Francs 355.10 (est.)	71.02
B. F. Stevens & Brown, books and periodicals, £222/2/8 (est.)	1,081.78
Mattbew Bell & Co., binding, £37/16/-- (est.)	184.08
Bennett's Newspaper & Magazine Sub. Agency, magazines	77.70
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	57.53
Josepb Flucke, binding	786.36
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	456.44
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	337.10
Gane Brotbers & Co., paper	21.00
Barrett Bindery Co., binders	106.31
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	15.76
Schulkins & Co., printing	18.25
James Watson & Co., printing	40.40
J. W. Butler Paper Co., paper (for finding lists)	427.95
Midland Paper Co., paper	4.70
A. L. A. Publishing Board, cards	7.43
W. D. Messinger & Co., paper	14.88
Bradner Smith & Co., paper, etc	22.00
Holmes Mfg. Co., letter heads and envelopes	25.50
Cameron, Amberg & Co., blank books,	32.50
Library Bureau, cards, etc	80.45
H. G. Wilson, Acting Sec'y, cash expenditures for Mar., 1908,	149.03
	$7,692.82

He, also, presented the Librarian's report for the month of March, 1908, and it was ordered to be printed and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, Chairman, presented the following report and moved that the first four sections be adopted and that action on the fifth section be deferred and considered by the Board in executive session.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors, The Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—

Your Committee on Administration, having given careful and deliberate consideration to various matters under its supervision, begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That the petition of Charles A. Egan, a page, for compensation for time lost from March 6 to 21, inclusive, on account of illness, be granted.

2. That the petition of Joseph A. Gadwood, a janitor, for compensation for twenty-five days lost in March, 1908, on account of illness, be granted.

3. That the petition of John R. Buster, an elevator operator, for compensation for two days lost through illness, be filed.

4. That a requisition be made on the Civil Service Commission for one automobile operator, at a salary of $780 per annum, this extra man being needed on account of the increased number of deliveries now being made to delivery stations.

5. That the appended roster of employés, with their positions and salaries, be adopted by the Board, to take effect May 1, 1908.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. LAGORIO,
R. J. ROULSTON,
J. F. BOWERS,
Committee on Administration.

CHICAGO, April 13, 1908.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Blodgett, Chairman, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

The Sheridan Garage, storing motor truck	$ 15.00
Valvoline Oil Co., auto cylinder oil	27.30
American Battery Co., storage battery, type H. P	13.13
Morgan & Wright, motor tire	46.72
Hartford Rubber Works Co., motor tire, etc	65.57
Western Roofing & Supply Co., belts	4.12
Knox Automobile Co. of Ill., parts for automobile trucks	149.68
James H. Rice Co., lights for auto shed	4 60
Gallaher & Speck, labor, etc	11.63
Samuel Harris & Co., hardware	4.02
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	69.00
McCord & Co., parts for automobile trucks	6.90
	$417.67

He, also, reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Board, the Secretary had advertised for bids for one automobile truck and for one combination passenger car, and that on the eighth inst. bids were opened as follows:

Knox Automobile Co. of Illinois, 1 delivery car	$2,167.50
Knox Automobile Co. of Illinois, 1 combination car	2,605.50
Bird-Sykes Co., 1 combination car	2,690.00

Director Blodgett, on behalf of the Committee, moved that a contract be entered into with the Knox Automobile Co. of Illinois for one delivery car, in accordance with the specifications and their proposal of $2,167.50, and that action on the purchase of a combination car be deferred.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, recommended that the proposition of J. F. McGuire to sprinkle the streets and court around the Library building for the season of 1908 for the sum of $30.00 per month be accepted, and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and the President—8.

Nays—Director Waterman—1.

He, also, recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for bids for a vacuum cleaning plant to be installed in the Public Library building and moved that the recommendation be concurred in.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	$ 55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Pilsen Gymnastic Ass'n, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Albert W. Greene, rent, etc., N. Clark St. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., Madison St. reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., arc lamp rental	11.00
Chicago Telephone Co., telephone service	98.26
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	20.53
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	32.69
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	8.33
Foster & Glidden Co., cartage on cleaning plant	8.00
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	1,021.54
Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, oil	49.01
Crane Co., engineering supplies	6.74
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	12.75
John Mohr & Sons, repairs to boilers	18.25
The Cudahy Packing Co., soap powder	10.50
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste	23.18
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., packing, etc.	14.13
Illinois Electric Co, electrical supplies	21.50
Burdett-Rowntree Mfg. Co., engineering supplies	22.00
Riddiford Bros., brooms and brushes	54.63
H. Channon Co., mops	28.80
The German Chemical Mfg. Co., linseed oil soap	22.95
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	9.78
Art Metal Construction Co., steel shelves	63.00
Marshall Field & Co., picture frames, etc.	12.16

Schaeffer & Budenberg Mfg. Co., air duct thermometers, etc.	62.00
N. E. Hammer, liability insurance	458.20
Eliel & Loeb, insurance on books at binderies	22 50
E. Baggot Co., plumbing	153.02
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	78.84
H. Rosenbaum Roofing Co., repairing roof	63.80
Frank J. Browning, coal	82.10
S. Morris & Co., removing coal elevator, etc	65.00
Peoples' Gas Light and Coke Co., gas	39.02
H. G. Wilson, Acting Sec'y, cash expenditures for March, 1908,	56.31
	$3,159.52

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Bowers, Chairman, presented a statement of elevator inspection bills covering a period of four and one-half years, amounting to $178.00, and moved, on behalf of the Committee, that the bill be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

He, also, presented a bill amounting to $172.51, from Messrs. Fyffe & Adcock for moneys advanced for court costs, continuation of abstract and charges in connection with the foreclosure proceedings against Michael Foley and moved that the bill be ordered paid from the Ryder fund income.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—9.

Nays—None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Blodgett, to whom was referred the question of adjustment of the claim against the Union Traction Company for damage to one of the Library automobiles, presented to the Board a statement from the general attorney of that company, and moved that Directors Waterman and Stern be appointed a Committee to review the evidence as submitted to the Union Traction Company by witnesses to the accident, and that Mr. W. A. Purer, superintendent of delivery stations, prepare and present to the Board at its next meeting a statement from the operator in charge of the car and other witnesses.

Carried.

Director Roulston moved that the Board go into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The President appointed Director Taylor to act as Secretary.

The President then called for the report of the Committee on Administration fixing the salaries of the employés of the Board for the year beginning May 1, 1908.

Director Waterman was excused and retired from the room.

Director Lagorio presented the following:

Roster of Employés with Positions and Salaries.

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1908–9.
Librarian's Office:			
Frederick H. Hild	8-4-74	Librarian	$5500
Ordering Department:			
Carl B. Roden	9-25-86	Superintendent	1700
Henrietta Lovi	3-12-92	Stenographer and Clerk	1400
Nellie L. Kennedy	5-16-04	Clerk	650
Secretary's Office:			
W. B. Wickersham	7-20-72	Secretary	3750
Henry G. Wilson	10-22-87	Clerk	1600
Minnie E. Wills	4-16-95	Stenographer	1100
James W. McGovern	10-4-05	Page	500
Cataloging Department:			
John F. Phelan	12-11-80	Cataloguer	1600
Bessie Goldberg	4-14-94	Clerk	1100
Otillie Goldberger	10-14-82	"	1000
Amelia M. Platt	11-27-86	"	1000
Anna Riordan	2-14-91	"	950
Emily T. Larson	4-14-94	"	950
Anna J. Ferguson	11-19-97	"	900
Lucy E. Brown	10-14-01(02) 11-1-03	"	650
Mary A. Wilson	12-27-04	"	650
Etta Meserow	7-24-05	"	550
Jessie M. Woodford	12-19-05	"	600
1 Office Boy.		Office Boy	300
Circulating Department:			
B. M. Smith	10-22-87	Superintendent	1800
May I. Carroll	6-24-84	Clerk	1000
George S. King	8-24-95	"	1000
Amanda Diehl	2-12-87	"	950
Jessie B. Perry	1-14-88	"	950
Mary Ryan	5-27-01(02) 11-1-03	"	600
Anna A. O'Brien	6-6-04	"	600
Margaret C. O'Shaughnessy	3-6-05	"	600
Mary W. Morris	2-16-04	"	550
Maude H. T. Freeman	12-26-05	"	500
Anne M. Coover	4-22-07	"	500
Pearl I. Field	6-12-06	"	450

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1908-9.
Florence W. Arnold	6-14-06	Clerk	450
Edith E. Graham	6-18-06	"	450
Agatha A. Wieboldt	6 18-06	"	450
Ada M. Lanquist	7-16-06	"	450
Elizabeth Barnes	10-22-06	"	450
Minnie S. Clark	1-30-07	"	450
Irene Ives	2-4 07	"	450
Daisy E. Henry	2-27-07	"	450
Nellie Stacy	3-25-07	"	450
Ida Mell	6-17-07	"	450
Charles Macko	9-27-06	Page	450
Walter B. Flintrup	9-28-06	"	450
Esther D. Hunt	8-12-07	Clerk	400
Irene L. Pearl	10-1-07	"	400
Anna Klages	12-5-07	"	400
Dorothy Bastin	1-20 08	"	400
Minnie R. Grosser	1 20-08	"	400
Caroline Bernhardt	4-1-08	"	400
Harry M. Quinn	10-21-07	Page	350
Nicholas J. King	10-30 07	"	300
James C. Barbee, Jr.	1-28-08	"	300
G. Elmer Steele	1-29-08	"	300
David Jacobs	2-26-08	"	300
Frank Holz	2-27-08	"	300
Bohumil Kucera	3-16-08	"	300
Eugene A. Duffy	3-18-08	"	300
Edwin C. Kuntz	3-18-08	"	300
3 Pages		"	300
Registry Department:			
Lilyan G. Morawski	4-8-80	Superintendent	1500
Katharine Donovan	5-25-89	Clerk	900
Nellie E. Doran	2-14-91	"	800
Loretto M. Crowe	2-11-02(02) 11-5-03	"	600
Reference Department:			
Carrie L. Elliott	2-12-81	Superintendent	1600
Charles A. Larson	4-11-91	Clerk	1200
Frank E. Waska	12-27-84	"	1100
Margaret Kearney	2-8-79	"	900
Anna C. Reque	5-17-99	"	800
Mary E. Rae	5-12-00(02) 3-9-03	"	800

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1908–9.
Paul Lemke	12-12-04	Page	550
John F. James	4-11-06	"	500
Charles F. Zak	10-22-06	"	500
1 Page		"	350
Reading Room:			
Reidar Arentz	6-28-84	Superintendent	1500
Charles L. Green	1-21-04	Page	700
William Renner	2-18-03	"	550
Patent Department:			
Charles R. Barnes	3-24-88	Superintendent	1200
Edward Henwood	4-11-91	Clerk	850
Binding Department:			
J. Ritchie Patterson	10-14-82	Superintendent	1500
Mary M. Hishen	1-14-88	Clerk	950
Margaret Crain	9-28-89	"	850
Agnes Donoghue	4-14-94	"	700
Mamie Neylen	5-22-05	"	450
Catherine Hatchell	2-7-07	"	400
Delivery Stations Department:			
William A. Purer	11-26-79	Superintendent	2000
Otto Goldberger	6-28-84	Clerk	1300
Emanuel Holy	4-12-90	"	1100
John Toman	10-25-90	"	900
Christian Sonne	4-23-92	"	900
George F. Bell	4-14-94	"	850
Elie Hudon	8-9-95	"	750
Ida B. Johnson	1-22-98	"	750
John Gawron	1-20-03	Page	650
Louis S. Dautel	8-24-04	"	600
Joseph Rzepinski	1-13-04(05) 10-13 05	"	550
Christopher T. Rooney	6-13-04	"	550
Charles A. Egan	2-6-05	"	500
Charles J. Beatty	1-19-06	"	500
Bernard Britt	9-5-06	"	450
Harry J. Wahlberg	10-30-06	"	450
Harold Hellgren	12-3-06	"	450
Raymond Dwyer	3-7-07	"	400
James E. Edwards	3-7-07	"	400
George Reifschneider	4-15-07	"	350

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1908-9.
Nathan Levin	5-13-07	Page	350
Malachi Swesnik	5-22-07	"	350
Edward Peterson	8-12-07	"	350
George A. Klein	9-3-07	"	300
Harry Lawson	9-4-07	"	300
Sullivan Lange	9-4-07	"	300
Edward A. Rosenblum	9-15-07	"	300
David Rabinovitz	9-25-07	"	300
Fred A. Schweizer	12-23-07	"	300
Abe J. Diamond	3-18-08	"	300
3 Pages		"	300
Telephone Operator:			
Rebecca M. Burke	10-27-97	Telephone Operator	600
Evening, Sunday and Holiday Service:			
Charles Lhotka	4-13-83	Superintendent	1400
Abraham Oberman	1-25-04	Page	500
George Manosevitch	6-23 05	"	400
Joseph J. Augustus	1-11-06	"	400
William Sheridan	1-22-06	"	400
Joseph Rosenberg	3-6-07	"	400
Blackstone Memorial Branch Library:			
Mary W. Wood	12-26-96	Librarian-in-charge	1100
Anna W. Thayer	11-12-03	Clerk	600
John B. Whidden	11-17-07	Page	500
Thomas P. Conry	2-20-04	Engineer-janitor	1100
Branch Reading Rooms:			
1 Superintendent		Superintendent, Milwaukee Av.	900
James H. Biddle	11-15-97 (99) 2-17-04	Superintendent, State St.	900
Christian A. Lange	2-14-91	Superintendent, North Av.	900
Arthur S. Sweeney	7-13-97	Superintendent, Ashland Av.	900
John A. Young	6-27-91	Superintendent, Blue Island Av.	900
James C. Barbee	1-12-89	Superintendent, Madison St.	1200
Mathilda S. Nodek	7-10-99	Clerk, Madison St.	300
Frances C. Cantner	2-7-08	Clerk-in-charge, Hamilton Park	600
Marie G. Patrick	6-19-05	Clerk-in-charge, Davis Square	600
Emma L. Shaw	2-3-08	Clerk-in-charge, Armour Square	600
Marie C. Reich	8-13-07	Clerk-in-charge, Bessemer Park	600
Augusta G. Kessell	5-14-00(02) 3-11-03	Clerk-in-charge, Ogden Park	600
Samuel Rogalski	11-8-89	Superintendent, Clark St.	900

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1908-9.
Janitor's Department:			
Janitors:			
James J. Linehan	9-1-97	Chief Janitor	1600
Frank Bergman	9-3-98	Janitor	900
James C. King	8-24-95	"	850
Emil Schoenbacher	6-19-86	"	800
James F. Horan	4-26-98(02) 7-20-03	Marble Cleaner	900
Alessander Farroli	9-23-03	"	700
Oscar Hasling	10-2-05	Window Washer	720
Charles L. Viane	11-22-06	"	720
John T. Carlson	11-23-06	"	720
Martin Schnee	2-7-99(02) 6-20-04	Wood Finisher	750
John A. Johnson	12-16-98	Janitor	750
John Christian	3-31-99	"	700
William McDearmed	8-22-00	"	650
William P. Shanley	8-22-00	"	650
William J. Beck	4-15-03	"	650
Joseph A. Gadwood	8-1-03	"	650
John Ampey	12-30-07	"	600
Janitresses:			
Catherine Murray	10-14-97	Janitress	$ 600
Ellen McDonald	10-16-97	"	600
Josephena Anderson	9-22-06	"	600
Margaret Meade	1-17-07	"	600
Marie Higgins	4-24-07	"	600
Agnes F. Cronin	5-3-07	"	600
Watchmen:			
Christian Ullrich	5-27-93	Watchman	1100
Aaron S. Einstein	9-8-88	"	900
Elevator Operators:			
John I. Byrne	10-22-97	Elevator Operator	780
Abraham L. Harris	11-10-97	"	720
Charles F. Jackson	11-3-03	"	720
John R. Buster	8-10-04	"	720
Frederick C. Ferguson	11-3-06	"	650
Engineers' Department:			
Engineers:			
Jacob Reitz	1-25-97	Chief Engineer	2500
Charles I. Moulton	2-2-97	First Assistant Engineer	1800

Name.	Date of Entry.	Position.	Salary 1908-9.
Ernest A. Hart	8-16-97	Second Assistant Engineer	1600
Robert G. Allison	4-19-98	Assistant Engineer	1500
Peter G. Ledeboer	1-14-01(02) 11-9-03	"	1400
Henry Misostow	2-25-06	"	1200
Firemen:			
Amby J. Beery	11-26-97	Fireman	950
John Guthrie	5-9-98	"	950
John Stretch	2-28-06	"	950
Oilers:			
Thomas Guthrie	10-4-97	Oiler	950
Thomas Davis	4-12-98	"	950
Coal Passers:			
John Clarke	10-13-99	Coal Passer	830
John Murray	7-7-03	"	830
Laborer:			
Cosmo Pacente	6-20-04	Laborer	700
Automobile Operators:			
Delivery Service:			
Frederick C. Lutter	7-1-02	Automobile Operator	900
George A. Wiborg	5-1-02	" "	900
John D. Barchard	4-6-04	" "	900
Edward P. Langworthy	10-17-07	" "	900
1 Automobile Operator		" "	780
1 Automobile Washer		Automobile Washer	600

Director Lagorio moved that the roster of employés fixing their salaries be adopted by the Board and that it be printed in the minutes.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Lagorio moved that Fred'k H. Hild be elected Librarian for the ensuing year at a salary of $5,500.00 per annum.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and the President—8.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Lagorio the Board resumed open session.

The Secretary of the executive session reported the adoption of the roster of employés fixing their salaries for the ensuing

year and the election of Fred'k H. Hild as Librarian at a salary of $5,500.00 per annum, and it was moved that this action be made the action of the Board.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and the President—8.

Nays—None.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Acting Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR MARCH, 1908.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of March was 160,717, against 127,598 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 26 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 6,181.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1908.	1907.
Number of recorded visitors	15,625	13,964
Books issued from stacks	41,934	38,558

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 27. Average maximum attendance per hour, 36.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 3,561. Books consulted, 10,624.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1908.	1907.
Number of visitors	3,344	2,449
Volumes consulted	15,060	11,294

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 468. Bound newspapers consulted, 678. Books for the blind circulated, 74.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 12,208. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 267. Average maximum attendance per hour, 380.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated.
No. 1	35	45	39	2,795
No. 2	22	29	24	1,565
No. 3	19	33	15	1,574
No. 4	36	51	47	1,131
No. 5	16	28	16	1,449
No. 6	41	63	58	3,621
No. 7	19	30	38	1,492
No. 8	19	27	35	508
No. 9	16	23	30	948
No. 10	18	25	44	765

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 26. Average maximum attendance per hour, 66. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 7,653, of which 504 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 69 delivery stations was 100,321, against 79,429 from 71 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 4,515, of which 2,588 were issued to males, and 1,927 to females. The registration of March, 1907, was 2,814. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,397.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies March 1, 1908	4,679
Number of books sent to binderies in March, 1908	3,424
Total number of books at binderies in March, 1908	8,103
Number of books received from binderies in March, 1908	3,178
Number of books at binderies March 31, 1908	4,925
Number of books repaired in Library in March, 1908	4,200

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library March 31, 1908, was 351,671. Received since June 1, 1907, 22,000; since March 1, 1908, 3,863. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 9,126; since March 1, 950. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 485; since March 1, 52. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 83; since March 1, 15.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, April 13, 1908.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present when the Board was called to order, the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Novak, Stern, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Taylor and Lagorio.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Blodgett the minutes of the regular meeting held April 13, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From citizens in the vicinity of West Chicago avenue and Fifty-first court calling the attention of the Board to a petition presented last November for a delivery station at 2652 West Chicago avenue, under the care of Mrs. E. Butler.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From citizens in the vicinity of 7537 Drexel avenue praying the Board to establish a delivery station at that number.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Geo. A. Vinton, requesting permission to give four story hours on Saturdays and Sundays in May in the lecture room on the first floor.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Miss Louise Roth, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Chicago Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, giving a report of the work done under the auspices of the Association during the last six weeks in the Library building. Also, expressing the appreciation of the Association for the co-operation and support given to this work by the Library Board, the Librarian and various members of the Library staff.

The communication was received and placed on file.

From Anne M. Coover, clerk, enclosing a physician's certificate, praying the Board to grant her a leave of absence for two months on account of ill health.

On motion of Director Blodgett, the request was granted.

From Wm. J. Beck, janitor, enclosing a physician's certificate, praying the Board for compensation for time lost on account of illness, March 18th to 25th.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From sundry employés in the engineering department, praying the Board for either additional vacation, or for compensation for the vacation period that they did not receive in the year 1902.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From sundry employés of the Board, requesting a reconsideration of the Board's action in the adjustment of their salaries for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Miss Augusta Kessell, clerk-in-charge of branch reading room in Ogden Park Field House, requesting a change in the hours that are now required of the attendants in the branch reading rooms.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented the following lists of books agreed upon by the Committee and moved that they be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Novak, Stern, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—5.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 105 vols., to cost $140.00.

A list of current English books, 16 vols., to cost $25.00.

A list of miscellaneous books, worn-out, etc., 24 vols., to cost $50.00.

He, also, presented a list of bills for miscellaneous books, continuations and subscriptions, amounting to $42.43, and moved that they be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

The Librarian reported the suspension of David Jacobs, a page, for a period of four days, without pay, for conduct detrimental to the service.

Director Stern moved that the action of the Librarian be approved.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Blodgett, Chairman, presented the following report agreed upon by the Committee:

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations begs leave to report on the following matters referred to the Committee with power to act at the last meeting of the Board.

1. That permission has been given to Miss Tillie D. Smith to move delivery station No. 13 West from 1817 North Kedzie avenue to 574 Belmont avenue.

2. That the communication of Mrs. Anna Dawson, asking to be appointed keeper of delivery station No. 13 West, be placed on file.

3. That the petition of Mrs. Emma Harbour, asking permission to move delivery station No. 6 West from 355 South

Western avenue to 978 West Harrison street, be placed on file. In the opinion of your Committee the location of Harrison street is too far removed from the present location of the station and brings it closer to stations already established than is desirable.

Your Committee would recommend in this matter that station No. 6 West be transferred to 381 South Western avenue and that it be placed under the care of Mrs. S. F. McGrath.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. BLODGETT,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

CHICAGO, April 27, 1908.

Director Waterman moved that the action and recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, reported on the following matters and moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Novak, Stern, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—5.

Nays—None.

1. That the Secretary be authorized to advertise for proposals for two motors used in connection with the ventilating system of the building.

2. That the insurance on the contents of the building, which expires June 4th and 10th next, be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for consideration and recommendation.

3. That an order be given to Marshall Field & Co. for 231 square yards of the best quality imported cork carpet to be laid in the room adjoining the Thomas Hughes room on the fourth floor of the building for the sum of $231.00.

Director Taylor entered the room and took his seat.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Director Stern, Chairman of the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks, presented a report, together with the action of the Board of Education relative to the establishment of branch reading rooms in public school buildings, as follows:

CHICAGO, April 27, 1908.

To the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Herewith we beg to submit the official report of the proceedings of the Board of Education in pursuance of a number of conferences had between your Sub-Committee and a Sub-Committee appointed in that behalf by said Board in relation to the placing of branch reading rooms and delivery stations of the Chicago Public Library in the public schools; and while the Board of Education has apparently found it advisable to set aside only two school buildings as a test of the usefulness of the experiment to the general public and the schools, we feel confident in the belief that it will be found one that will amply justify the expense involved, both as to the Board of Education and the Library Board, and that at the end of the trial year, or earlier, it will be found justifiable by all parties to enlarge the work.

Respectfully submitted,
JULIUS STERN,
GRAHAM TAYLOR.

"ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCH LIBRARIES IN BURR AND WASHINGTON SCHOOLS.

"*To the Board of Education of the City of Chicago:*

"THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT, to whom was recommitted at the last meeting of the Board Report No. 8820 with reference to the establishment

of branch libraries in the Burr and Washington Schools, respectfully

"REPORTS

"that it has again considered this matter and

"RECOMMENDS

"the establishment of branch libraries in the Burr and Washington Schools at a cost for repairs and alterations of not to exceed $1,100 for the Burr School and $1,200 for the Washington School.

"YOUR COMMITTEE FURTHER "REPORTS

"that the question of the cost of maintenance of the Board's share of this work has been estimated at $10 a day for each school.

"Your Committee believes that this estimate is high, but its recommendation as stated above is made with the knowledge that the cost of maintenance may be as high as $10 per day.

"YOUR COMMITTEE FURTHER "REPORTS

"that the above recommendation is made with the understanding that the Board of Education will undertake to set aside a room in each of the schools mentioned and provide the necessary equipment, heat, light and janitor service, and that the Public Library will provide the books, transportation of same and an attendant for each of the library stations.

"YOUR COMMITTEE FURTHER "RECOMMENDS

"that this arrangement, which is in the nature of an experiment, be continued for not to exceed one year without specific action on the part of the Board extending the time of the experiment.

"YOUR COMMITTEE FURTHER "RECOMMENDS

"that the questions and details connected with the carrying out of the above recommendation be placed in charge of the President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools and the Architect. All contracts for repairs and alterations in connection with this experiment to be submitted to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for recommendation to the Board.

"CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

"Chicago, April 22, 1908. "Adopted April 22, 1908.

"L. E. LARSON,
"*Secretary.*"

It was moved that the report be received.

Carried.

Director Stern moved that an advisory committee consisting of the President of the Board, the Chairman of the Committee on Library and the Librarian be appointed to take up the questions and details connected with the establishment of branch reading rooms in public schools.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Taylor presented an amendment to Article V. of the by-laws as follows:

Substitute the word "seven" for the word "six" in the first line of Article V. and add to the sixth line after the word "finance" the words "on Branch Reading Rooms."

He, also, presented an additional by-law to be numbered Article XV-A, to read as follows:

"The Committee on Branch Reading Rooms shall have supervision of the location, equipment and management of the branch reading rooms conducted by the Public Library, and also the supervision of the lectures, story hours and other accessory educational agencies held under the auspices of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library."

Referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

On motion of Director Blodgett, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Acting Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MAY 11, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present, Directors Roulston, Stern, Lagorio and Blodgett.

Absent — Directors Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Waterman and the President.

There being no quorum present, Director Blodgett moved that the Board adjourn until Thursday, May 14, 1908, at eight o'clock p. m.

Carried.

H. G. WILSON, *Acting Secretary.*

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present, Directors Cigrand, Stern, Roulston and Lagorio.

Absent — Directors Bowers, Novak, Taylor, Blodgett and Waterman.

There being no quorum present, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 18th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m.

H. G. WILSON, *Acting Secretary.*

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MAY 18, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio and Waterman.

Absent—Directors Taylor and Blodgett.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Roulston the min-

utes of the regular meeting held April 27, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Metta M. Loomis, Librarian Quine Library, asking permission of the Board to use a room in the Library building for the public sessions of the Medical Librarians' Association on the evening of June 1st and the morning of June 2d next.

Director Bowers moved that the request be granted.

Carried.

From Harriet L. Cady, agent of The Society For Providing Evangelical Religious Literature For The Blind, requesting the Board to purchase the publications of that society for the use of the blind.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From George L. Simonds & Co., proposing to equip the four-boiler furnaces with automatic gas sampling vessels and one of their instruments for gas analysis for the sum of $131.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

From Richard L. Schindler, praying the Board to grant him the privilege of a teacher's card.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From Colin C. H. Fyffe, relative to the proposed routing of tracks through Garland court.

Director Roulston moved that the communication be referred to a Special Committee of three to be named by the President.

Carried.

The President appointed Directors Roulston, Waterman and Lagorio as members of this Special Committee.

From M. H. West, Acting Superintendent of the Lincoln Park System, relative to the opening of a branch reading room in the field house at Seward Park at Elm and Sedgwick streets.

Referred to the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks.

From Ethel S. Dewey, Librarian Boys' Club, and Jane Addams, requesting the Board for a loan of one hundred books to be used in the Library of the Hull House Boys' Club.

Referred to the Committee on Library.

From the automobile operators in the employ of the Board, requesting either extra compensation or Saturday afternoons off the same as other employés of the Board.

Referred to the Committee on Administration.

From Edward Donovan, tendering his resignation as an automobile operator in the service of the Board.

Director Novak moved that the resignation of Mr. Donovan be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for an automobile operator at a salary of $780 per annum, to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented the following lists of books agreed upon by the Committee and moved that they be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 94 vols., to cost $102.

A list of current English books, 46 vols., to cost $126.

A list of art books, to be paid from the Ryder fund income, 11 vols., to cost $312.

A list of art and architectural books, 55 vols., to cost $158.

A list of replaced fiction, American publications, 1,106 vols., to cost $800.

A list of replaced fiction, English publications, 315 vols., to cost $300.

A list of books for the Blackstone branch, 104 vols., to cost $109.

He, also, presented a list of bills for subscriptions, continuations and miscellaneous items amounting to $83.63 and moved that the bills be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, reported back the communication of Geo. A. Vinton, requesting the use of rooms in the Library building for story hours and moved that the communication be placed on file.

Carried.

He, also, presented the Librarian's report for the month of April, 1908, and moved that it be printed and placed on file.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved and moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

A. C. McClurg & Co., books	$1,071.57
Dodd, Mead & Co., books	188.00
Ernst Hertzberg & Sons, binding	35.90
Joseph Flucke, binding	322.17
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	936 14
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	565.61
John F. Higgins, printing	17 50
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	308.45
Riddle & Wunderle Co., stationery	6.85
Dennison Mfg. Co., printed labels	19.25
H. S. Parrish & Co., rubber bands and pads	6.30
Geo. E. Cole & Co., stationery	40.88
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	22.38
Chicago Paper Co., paper	24.02
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing and stationery	83 60
DeLang, Coles & Putnam, printing	6.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., repairs to machines	5.50
Remington Typewriter Co., typewriting ribbons, etc	12.00
R. S. Henshaw, subscription to daily papers	24.60
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	61.69
H. G. Wilson, Acting Sec'y, cash expenditures for April, 1908	209.33
	$3.967.20

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, Chairman, presented the following report and moved that it be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors,
The Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Administration begs leave to report on various matters under its supervision, as follows:

1. On May 5th the Civil Service Commission certified to the position of Superintendent of the Cataloging Department Carl B. Roden, an original entrance examination having been held to fill the position. Your Committee recommends that the salary of the position be fixed at $2,400 per year to date from Mr. Roden's appointment.

2. Your Committee recommends that the petition of John A. Johnson, janitor, and William J. Beck, janitor, for thirteen and eight days' time lost, respectively, on account of illness during the month of March, be granted.

3. That the action of the Librarian in suspending Christopher T. Rooney, a page, for absence from duty without leave be approved, and that charges be filed against said Rooney with the Civil Service Commission.

4. That Agatha Wieboldt, a clerk, be transferred to Branch Reading Room No. 13, as clerk-in-charge, at a salary of $600 per year.

5. That the petition of sundry employés of the engineering department relative to additional vacation, or pay, for vacation period that they had not received in 1902, be placed on file.

6. That the petitions of sundry employés of the Library service, asking this Board to reconsider its action as to their salaries as fixed by the Board on April 13th, be placed on file. Your Committee reported said schedule after most careful deliberation and feels that the claims of no employé were overlooked. After having its action ratified by this Board your Committee thinks it would be unwise to open the salary question for reconsideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. LAGORIO,
J. F. BOWERS,
R. J. ROULSTON,
Committee on Administration.

CHICAGO, May 11, 1908.

He, also, presented the following list of vacancies, appointments and changes of salary for the months of March and April, 1908, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

Frank Schmidt, clerk, died March 7.
Kate M. Henneberry, assistant librarian, resigned March 9.
Sol Rabin, page, discharged March 10.
Samuel Futransky, page, resigned March 31.
Seymour F. Stone, page, resigned April 1.
Edward Donovan, automobile operator, resigned April 27.

Pages appointed, $300 per year:
James C. Barbee, Jr., March 16.
Frank J. Holz, March 16.
David Jacobs, March 16.
Bohumil Kucera, March 16.
George E Steele, March 16.
Abe J. Diamond, March 18
Eugene A. Duffy, March 18.
Edwin C. Kuntz, March 18.

Clerk appointed, $400 per year:
Caroline Bernhardt, April 1.

Automobile Operator appointed, $780 per year:
Edward Donovan, April 20.

Automobile Washer appointed, $600 per year:
Frank Tinsley, April 20.

Pages increased in salary, $350 to $400 per year:
Harold Hellgren, March 5.
Charles Macko, March 5.
Harry J. Wahlberg, March 5.
Raymond Dwyer, March 7.
James E. Edwards, March 7.

Page increased in salary, $300 to $350 per year:

Harry M. Quinn, April 21.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

In the absence of the Chairman, Director Roulston presented the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Delivery Stations begs leave to report on the following matters referred to the Committee at sundry times:

1. That the communication of E. R. Pritchard, Secretary of the Department of Health, requesting the establishment of delivery stations at the various public baths be placed on file. Your Committee after due consideration of the matter has come to the conclusion that the plan, as submitted, is not feasible.

2. That the petitions for delivery stations at 1701 W. Twelfth street, under the care of A. Thivierge, and at 7537 Drexel avenue, under the care of Mrs. W. C. Massey, be placed on file on account of their proximity to stations already established.

3. That the petitions for delivery stations at 929 E. Fifty-first street, under the care of H. E. Thomson, and at 706 Winnemac avenue, under the care of G. W. Galloway, be placed on file, as your Committee does not consider these locations suitable for the establishment of delivery stations.

4. That the petition of citizens residing in the vicinity of Fifty-first court and Chicago avenue, praying the Board to establish a delivery station at 2652 W. Chicago avenue, be granted, and that a delivery station be opened at that number under the care of Mrs. E. Butler on trial for sixty days without pay.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. BLODGETT,
R. J. ROULSTON,
Committee on Delivery Stations.

He, also, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Sheridan Garage, storing motor truck	$ 15.00
Knox Automobile Co. of Illinois, parts for motor trucks	248.74
S. Buchsbaum & Co., platinum wire	24.44
The Hartford Rubber Works Co., rubber tires	97.79
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	80.00
New York and New Jersey Lubricant Co., oil	46.22
Valvoline Oil Co., oil	26.25
American Battery Co., repairing five batteries	18.00
D. J. Gallagher Mfg. Co., waste	8.55
Crandall Packing Co., water hose, etc.	9.86
J. L. Bondy Wire and Iron Works Co., wire-screen transom	9.60
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, fibre telescopes	33.00
John J. McGrath, delivery station sign	8.50
Brilliant Sign Co., re-making delivery station signs	8.00
	$633.95

The President announced that Mr. Michael Strauss, representing the Michigan Avenue Improvement Association, desired to address the Board concerning the proposed connecting boulevard link.

Permission having been granted, Mr. Strauss addressed the Board and, after answering a number of questions, withdrew from the room.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that orders for furniture be given as follows, these being the lowest bids received:

To Geo. B. Meleney & Co.:

Two back-number cases, to be used in the branch reading rooms	$200.00
One mahogany case for the counter in Blackstone branch	35.00

To Library Bureau:

Two special stands for card-tray cases	48.00
Three special reference stands for the art room	72.00

Director Stern moved that the recommendations be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Novak also presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved.

Chicago Commons Ass'n, rent, etc., Grand Ave. reading room	$ 75.00
Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, State street reading room	55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent, North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc, Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70 00
Albert W. Greene, rent, North Clark street reading room	75.00
Plzensky Sokol, rent, Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., W. Madison St. reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., gas	36.24
Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., arc lamp rental	14.70
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	30.35
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
Haegele Ice Co., ice	14.75
Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	17.60
Sprague, Warner & Co., ivory soap, etc.	11.55
City Collector, City of Chicago	5.30
Barrett Bindery Co., parts for punching press	12.00
H. W. John-Manville Co., pipe cement	4.50
James H. Rice Co., red lead, etc	23.73
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	292.09
F. G. Hartwell Co., coal	17.00
Ohio Fuel Co., coal	14 32
R. B. Arnold, coal	16.60
Commercial Coal and Coke Co., coal	23.25
Metropolitan Fuel Co., coal	18.15
City Fuel Co., coal	19.85
Miami Coal Co., coal	16.60
Baker Bros., coal	15.70
Chicago Fire Appliance Co., coal	20.10
Crescent Coal and Mining Co., coal	15.00
Mueller Coal Co., coal	16.07
Johnston City Coal Co., coal	15 60
John Moloney, repairs to boiler	30.55
G. Bossenga, removing ashes	4.50
Samuel Harris & Co., drills, fibre rods, etc	8.04
Western Electric Co., engineering supplies	13.80
Illinois Electric Co, engineering supplies	7 21
Geo. B. Carpenter & Co., rope	6.33
Clinton Wire Cloth Co., bronze screen for elevators	12.40
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., grease and packing	8 10
Gallaher & Speck, repairs to elevators	140.70
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap	21.45
C. W. Murphy, marble cleaner	8.75
Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware	14.75
Library Bureau, furniture and cards	1,129.50
E. Baggot Co., plumbing	153.52
F. O. Baumann Mfg. Co., carpenter work	29.15
H. G. Wilson, Acting Sec'y, cash expenditures for April, 1908	57.77
Commonwealth Edison Co., lighting Blackstone branch (3 months)	301.20
	$3,202.47

Director Stern moved that the bills be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Bowers, Chairman, presented the report of the International Audit Company upon its audit of the books and accounts of the Library for the quarter ended February 29, 1908, together with its bill amounting to $25.

Director Bowers moved that the report be printed and filed and that the bill be ordered paid.

Carried.

April 27, 1908.

To the President and Board of Directors,
Chicago Public Library,
Chicago.

Gentlemen: — We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the three months ending 29th February, 1908.

We submit the following statements prepared by us from the books and which we certify to be correct:

1. Ledger Balances, 29th February, 1908.
2. Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Library Fund for three months ending 29th February, 1908.
3. Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for December, 1907, January, 1908, and February, 1908.

We have pleasure in stating that we find the books to be well and carefully kept.

Yours very truly,

THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIT COMPANY
By JOHN McLAREN,
President.

ROBERT NELSON, C. A.,
Certified Public Accountant,
Manager.

LEDGER BALANCES, 29TH FEBRUARY, 1908.

DEBITS.

Due from Comptroller	$322,248.31
Mortgage Loans	9,000.00
Tax Warrants	43,000.00
Real Estate, Sherman Street and Jackson Boulevard	160,000.00
Cash	20,760.29
	$555,008.60

CREDITS

Public Library Fund.		
Fund of 1879 and prior years	$ 23,534.44	
Library Fund	252,342.32	
Delinquent Taxes	33,327.97	
Reserve Fund for Interest	1,043.58	
	$310,248.31	
Reserve for Cost of Taxes	12,000.00	
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,062.83	
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,728.70	
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	15,560.15	
Security Deposits	1,054.25	

Special Deposits	100.00		
Incidental Fund	254.36		
		$232,760.29	$555,008.60

DUE FROM COMPTROLLER, AT 29TH FEBRUARY, 1908.

Public Library Fund, 1879 and prior years	$ 23,534.44
Public Library Fund, 1907	252,342.32
Delinquent Taxes	33,327.97
Reserve for Loss and Cost of Taxes 1907	12,000.00
Reserve for Accrued Interest	1,043 58
	$322,248.31

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THREE MONTHS ENDING 29TH FEBRUARY, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Public Library Fund, 1st December, 1907	$291,134.87
Gain in Extending Taxes	2,636.06
Adjustments of Reverses for Losses and Costs of Taxes, 1906	35,330.52
Personal Property Taxes (not previously assessed)	62.65
Delinquent Taxes collected	939.90
Unclaimed Wages deposited back	10.94
Interest on Balances with City Treasury	60.18
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,539.83
	$331,714.95

EXPENDITURE.

Books		$ 7,633.30
Newspapers and Periodicals		1,687.95
Binding		3,972.07
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds		25.35
Finding Lists		172 80
Freight and Expressage		77.05
Postage		135.00
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous		1,674.16
Branch Reading Rooms		1,525.31
Salaries:		
Main Building	$30,954.76	
Branch Reading Rooms	2,076.27	
Delivery Stations	3,829.58	36,860.61
Miscellaneous Expense		624.67
Printing and Stationery		1,488.27
Fuel		2,710.46
Heating and Generating Plant		182.03
Electric Supplies and Repairs		263.21
Repairs, Alterations, etc		3,809.29

Elevator Supplies and Repairs	37.27	
Janitors Expense	169 69	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,534.80	
Insurance	28.40	
Blackstone Branch Library	2,312 08	
	$66,923.77	
Accrued Interest on Tax Warrants	439 46	
Commission on Delinquent Taxes Collected	9.40	
Reserve for Share of Loss and Cost Taxes, 1907	12,000.00	$79,372.63
Balance Library Fund, 29th February, 1908		$252,342.32

Cash Receipts and Expenditure, Three Months Ending 29th February, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

	Dec., 1907.	Jan., 1908.	Feb., 1908.
Cash Balance at Close of Previous Months	$31,415.16	$31,303.42	$32,133.46
Comptroller for Incidental Fund	196.37	278.36	203.80
Miscellaneous Receipts	14.60	24.85	16.40
Finding Lists	53.77	90.45	77.45
Books Lost and Paid for	37.25	58.65	61,85
Deposits	215.75	343 00	230.00
Fines	757.98	779.14	672.00
Kelly Fund Income	.....	186.36	1,679.18
Ryder Fund Income	.....	142.98	8.96
Beecher Fund Income	.....	25.02	35.83
Mortgage Loan (Payment on Combe Note)	.....	500.00	.....
	$32,690.88	$33,732.23	$35,118.93

EXPENDITURE.

Comptroller	$ 484.61	$ 563.52	$ 491.70
Deposits Repaid	245.50	279.75	244.50
Books	63.41	69 20	48.52
Newspapers and Periodicals	3.00	3.90	14 40
Books Lost and Paid for—Refunds	5.85	7.00	12.50
Freight and Expressage	60.00	8.95	8.10
Delivery Stations—Miscellaneous	7.84	2.93	11.96
Branch Reading Rooms	3.50	3.50	2.15
Blackstone Branch Library	3.28	1.15	30 80
Miscellaneous Expense	36.33	67.42	63.06
Postage	75.00	30.00	30.00
Printing and Stationery	9.55	1.80	13.63
Heating and Generating Plant	10.60	5.95	6.51
Elevator Supplies and Repairs	.....	2.00	2.42
Electric Supplies and Repairs	.....	.....	1.59
Pension Fund	378.99	389.57	336.00

Ryder Fund Income—Books Purchased	.....	162.13	40.80
Tax Warrants (City of Chicago)	.....	.....	13,000.00
	$ 1,387.46	$ 1,598.77	$14,358.64
Cash on hand at close of month	31,303.42	32,133.46	20,760.29
	$32,690.88	$33,732.23	$35,118.93

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

	Dec., 1907.	Jan., 1908.	Feb., 1908.
W. H. Ryder Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
W. H. Ryder Fund Income	2,113.82	2,094.67	2,062.83
Jerome Beecher Fund	2,000.00	2 000.00	2,000.00
Jerome Beecher Fund Income	1,667.85	1,692.87	1,728.70
Hiram Kelly Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Hiram Kelly Fund Income	13,694.61	13,880.97	15,560.15
Incidental Fund	221.64	296.20	254.36
Security Deposits	1,005.50	1,068.75	1,054.25
Special Deposits	100.00	100.00	100.00
	$230,803.42	$231,133.46	$232,760.29
Deduct:			
Mortgage Loans	9,500.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
City of Chicago Tax Warrants	30,000.00	30,000.00	43,000.00
Real Estate, Sherman St. and Jackson Blvd.	160,000.00	160,000 00	160,000.00
	$199,500.00	$199,000.00	$212,000.00
Balance	31,303.42	32,133.46	20,760.29
	$230,803.42	$231,133.46	$232,760.29

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Director Waterman, Chairman, presented the following report and moved that the by-laws be amended in accordance with the recommendations contained therein.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Novak, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on By-Laws begs leave to report on the proposed amendments to the by-laws referred to the Committee at the last regular meeting of the Board, and recommends

First: That Article V. be amended to read as follows:

Art. V. There shall be seven Standing Committees, to be appointed by the President, namely: A Committee on Library; on Administration; on Delivery Stations; on Buildings and Grounds; on Finance; on Branch Reading Rooms; and on By-Laws; each of said Committees to consist of three Directors; *provided*, that if any member of any Committee be unable or fail to act on account of sickness, absence or other cause, the President may add one or more members

to such Committee to serve temporarily. Special Committees may from time to time be appointed when ordered by the Board.

Second: That a new article, to be known as Article XV.-A, to read as follows, be adopted:

Art. XV.-A. The Committee on Branch Reading Rooms shall have supervision of the location, equipment and management of the branch reading rooms, and, also, the supervision of all lectures, story-hours and other accessory educational agencies held under the auspices of the Board of Directors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. N. WATERMAN,
A. LAGORIO,
JOHN L. NOVAK,
Committee on By-Laws.

CHICAGO, May 18, 1908.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Director Stern, Chairman of the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks, presented the following report on the petition for a branch reading room at 141-143 W. Division street and moved that it be received and be placed on file.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—The Special Committee to which was referred the application of citizens residing in the vicinity of Division street, Noble street and North Ashland avenue, endorsed by a letter from Hon. Jonn F. Smulski, State Treasurer, petitioning for the establishment of a branch reading room at Nos. 141 and 143 West Division street, would report that in view of the fact that branch reading rooms are now being provided by the Chicago Public Library at the field house of the new park located at Chicago avenue and Noble street, and at the public school buildings at North Ashland avenue, between North and Wabansia avenues, and at the corner of Grand avenue and Morgan street; at which the wants of the petitioners will be amply cared for, the application should be placed on file, and the petitioners be advised by the Secretary of the steps being now taken to supply them with the desired facilities at the places named on public property.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIUS STERN,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
R. J. ROULSTON,
Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks.

CHICAGO, May 11, 1908.

He, also, reported that an arrangement had been made with the West Park Board for the opening of branch reading rooms in the field houses in the small parks located at Fisk and West Twenty-first streets and at Noble street and Chicago avenue whereby the Park Board is to provide the room, heat and light and the necessary furniture and fixtures, the Library Board to provide books and the attendant.

Director Roulston moved that the report be approved.

Carried.

Director Roulston moved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday, June 1, 1908, at eight o'clock p. m.

Carried.

The Librarian reported the opening of three branch reading rooms as follows:

April 28, 1908, No. 11 in Ogden Park; May 1, 1908, No. 13 in Chicago Commons; May 2, 1908, No. 12 at No. 1711 N. Clark street.

The President announced the new standing committee of the Board—Committee on Branch Reading Rooms, as follows: Directors Taylor, Stern, Roulston.

Director Roulston moved that the Board adjourn.

Carried.

H. G. WILSON,
Acting Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR APRIL, 1908.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of April was 147,248, against 124,073 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 5,890.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1908.	1907.
Number of recorded visitors	13,140	12,603
Books issued from stacks	34,998	34,960

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 22. Average maximum attendance per hour, 31.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,865. Books consulted, 8,485.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1908.	1907.
Number of visitors	2,556	2,182
Volumes consulted	11,441	9,895

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 356. Bound newspapers consulted, 527. Books for the blind circulated, 76.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 11,337. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 254. Average maximum attendance per hour, 354.

BRANCH READING ROOMS

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated
No. 1	25	38	27	2,939
No. 2	15	20	14	1,427
No. 3	17	30	12	1,486
No. 4	27	39	30	1,103
No. 5	15	23	17	1,453
No. 6	35	52	44	3,484
No. 7	20	31	35	1,240
No. 8	18	27	32	538
No. 9	14	19	22	887
No. 10	20	31	51	699

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 25. Average maximum attendance per hour, 55. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,923, of which 448 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 71 delivery stations was 95,529, against 78,877 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 3,071, of which 1,677 were issued to males, and 1,394 to females. The registration of April, 1907, was 2,561. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,341.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

Number of books at binderies April 1, 1908	4,925
Number of books sent to binderies in April, 1908	3,714
Total number of books at binderies in April, 1908	8,639
Number of books received from binderies in April, 1908	3,282
Number of books at binderies April 30, 1908	5,357
Number of books repaired in Library in April, 1908	3,044

GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library April 30, 1908, was 352,685. Received since June 1, 1907, 24,433; since April 1, 1908, 2,433. Books worn out

and condemned since June 1, 10,490; since April 1, 1,364. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 540; since April 1, 55. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 86; since April 1, 3.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, May 11, 1908.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

The Board met at 6:30 o'clock p. m. by agreement.

There were present when the Board was called to order the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—Directors Bowers, Novak and Taylor.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held May 18, 1908, be corrected by striking out the words "at 8 o'clock p. m." (as recorded on page 325 of the printed records).

There being no objections the correction was so ordered.

On motion of Director Roulston, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, and of the adjourned regular meeting of May 14, were approved as recorded and printed, and the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held May 18, 1908, were approved as corrected, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Miss Grace L. Short, keeper of delivery station No. 25 West, located at 115 N. Park avenue, Austin, tendering her resignation as keeper of said station, and recommending A. E. Compton as her successor.

Director Blodgett moved that the resignation of Miss Short be accepted.

Carried.

From A. E. Compton praying the Board to continue delivery station No. 25 West at its present location and place it under his care, he having purchased the store.

Director Blodgett moved that the petition be granted.

Carried.

From Frank Bergman, janitor, praying the Board to grant him a leave of absence of six weeks in addition to his regular vacation.

Director Lagorio moved that the petition be granted and that Mr. Bergman be given a six weeks' leave of absence without pay.

Carried.

From Harry M. Quinn, page, tendering his resignation as an employé of the Board, to take effect May 27, 1908.

Director Roulston moved that the resignation be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $300 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

From Walter L. Fisher, special traction counsel for the City of Chicago, inviting the Board to a joint conference with the Board of Supervising Engineers to consider the question of the location of a loop on Garland court from Randolph to Washington streets.

Director Roulston moved that the communication be referred to the Board for consideration at a joint conference of the Board of Supervising Engineers and the Library Board, said meeting to be arranged by the President.

Carried.

The following communication was received from Mr. Colin C. H. Fyffe, which was ordered to be printed and placed on file:

"CHICAGO, May 19, 1908.

"*Board of Directors,*
"*Chicago Public Library,*
"*Chicago, Ill.*

"*Gentlemen:*—I wish to make you a report in regard to Bowers et al. vs. Foley et al., being a bill to foreclose the Foley mortgage upon the property at the corner of 42d street and Lowe avenue. I was instructed by the Board several months ago, if possible, to compromise the case by accepting a reduction of $500 upon the $5,000 mortgage, all interest and costs of the Library being paid up to date, and to extend the indebtedness five (5) years at the same rate of interest, namely, 5%. The matter was settled at the office of the Chicago Title & Trust Company this morning. A check for $500 was delivered to acting Secretary Wilson, being the amount of the reduction of the indebtedness. The disbursements of the Library in this matter amount to $217.51, which cover advances for the costs and for the taxes of 1907 upon the property. All these disbursements, together with the amount due for semi-annual interest, January 20, 1907, have been paid to me, together with the amount to cover other costs accrued for which the Public Library has not made any advances.

"The latter are the following:

Master's Fee	$28.80
Four appearance fees for defendants	12.00
Publication of notice	10.17
Continuation of abstract	3.00
making a total of	$53.97

"These have been paid by me out of the moneys received from the Title & Trust Company. I hand you our check for $342.51, which covers:

Disbursements of Chicago Public Library

For costs and taxes of 1907	$217.51

For interest due January 20, 1908	125.00
Total	$342.51

"I also enclose ten interest notes bearing date May 12, 1908, No. 1 for $120.21 and Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive for $112.50. The difference in the amount of the first note is due to the fact that interest is computed on $5,000 up to May 12 and thereafter until July 20, 1908, on $4.500 and all interest subsequent to July 20, 1908, on $4.500.

"I also hand you agreement of extension executed by the Public Library and by Harris J. Pearlman and wife, the purchasers of the equity in the property.

"I also hand you the original trust deed from Michael Foley and wife to Francis B. Peabody, securing the principal note originally of $5,000, dated January 20, 1901, which I also enclose with the endorsement dated today of the payment of $500 upon the principal. The fees of my firm for legal services in the matter have been entirely paid by the purchaser. We therefore have no further account either for disbursements or services to render to the Library.

"Yours very truly,
"Colin C. H. Fyffe."

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee, Director Stern moved that the business in its hands be taken up and be transacted in open Board.

Carried.

Director Stern presented the following lists of books and moved that they be ordered purchased.

Carried,

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—6.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 108 vols., to cost $140.00.

A list of current English books, 8 vols., to cost $21.00.

A list of miscellaneous books, 94 vols., to cost $184.00.

A list of extra copies of popular fiction, 236 vols., to cost $236.00.

He, also, presented a list of bills for miscellaneous books amounting to $19.38, and moved that they be paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Director Stern presented the report of the Committee on Library for the eleven months ended April 30, 1908, and it was received and referred to the President.

Director Taylor entered the room and took his seat.

Director Stern moved that the communication from Miss Harriet L. Cady, agent of the Society for providing Evangelical Religious Literature for the Blind, requesting the Board to purchase the publications of that Society, be placed on file.

Carried.

He, also, moved that the petition of Richard L. Schindler, praying the Board to grant him a teacher's card, be refused.

Carried.

He, also, moved that the communication from Ethel S. Dewey, Librarian of the Boys' Club, and Jane Addams, requesting the loan of one hundred books to be used in the library of the Hull House Boys' Club be granted, subject to the supervision of the Librarian.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

Director Lagorio, Chairman, presented

the following report and moved its adoption.

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, The Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen: — Your Committee on Administration respectfully recommends that the hours during which the branch reading rooms shall be open shall be as follows after this date:

On secular days from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m.
On Sundays and holidays from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.
Reading Room No. 6 (Lewis Institute) shall be open on secular days from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. and on Sundays and holidays from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.

During July and August, 1908, all branch reading rooms shall be closed on Sundays.

Respectfully submitted,
A. LAGORIO,
R. J. ROULSTON,
Committee on Administration.

CHICAGO, June 1, 1908.

He, also, presented the report of the Committee on Administration for eleven months ended April 30, 1908, which was received and referred to the President.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Blodgett, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee for the eleven months ended April 30, 1908, which was received and referred to the President.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

In the absence of the Chairman, Director Stern presented the report of the Committee for the past year and it was received and referred to the President.

He, also, stated that bids had been received for supplying six window shades for the room adjoining the Thomas Hughes room and two window shades in the "back number room" on the fourth floor, and moved that an order be given to Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. to furnish and put up the shades for the sum of $52.50, this being the lowest bid received.

Carried.

He, also, moved that the communication from Geo. L. Simonds & Co. proposing to furnish an automatic gas sampling and analyzing device for the sum of $130 be placed on file.

Carried.

He, also, presented the following report agreed upon by the Committee, and moved that the report be taken up and acted upon *seriatim.*

Carried.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs leave to report on the following matters in its hands:

1. In accordance with the instructions of the Board bids for a vacuum cleaning plant were opened on May 6th last, ranging from $732 to $1,775 for a plant operated by steam, and from $1,041.70 to $1,875 for a plant operated by electricity. These bids were all in accordance with the specifications submitted to the several bidders.

Since the matter was taken up a number of portable machines have been brought to the attention of your Committee, and in our opinion these portable machines are the most serviceable and better adapted to the wants of the Library. As these machines can be procured at a cost of about one-third of the apparatus as advertised for, your Committee would recommend that all bids for the vacuum cleaning plant be rejected and

that the Secretary be instructed to obtain proposals for a portable machine.

2. On May 15th last bids were opened for two 15 H. P. electric motors for the ventilating system of the Library building ranging from $723 to $1,130.

Your Committee recommends that a contract be entered into with the Allis-Chalmers Company, the lowest bidders, to furnish motors, as advertised, for the sum of $723.

3. In the question of the insurance on the contents of the building your Committee would recommend that the books, furniture and fixtures of the Library be insured for the sum of $150,000 for a period of five years upon the 50% co-insurance basis at a rate of $1.68 per hundred.

Your Committee has agreed upon the following companies and would further recommend that the insurance be placed as follows:

Liverpool, London & Globe	$20,000.00
London & Lancashire	20,000.00
Royal	20,000.00
German American	10,000.00
Phœnix of London	10,000.00
Germania	10,000.00
Insurance Co. of North America	10,000.00
London Assurance	10,000.00
Commercial Union of London	10,000.00
Rochester German	10,000.00
Hamburg-Bremen	5,000.00
Ætna	5,000.00
Phenix of Brooklyn	5,000.00
Philadelphia Underwriters	5,000.00
	$150,000.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. NOVAK,
JULIUS STERN,
E. A. BLODGETT,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

CHICAGO, June 1, 1908.

Section one was read and Director Stern moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Carried.

Section two was taken up and Director Stern moved that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett. Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Section three was then taken up.

Director Stern moved that the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and the President—6.

Nays—Director Waterman—1.

Director Roulston moved that Wm. Sullivan, representing Klee, Rogers & Co., be and is hereby authorized and directed by the Board to place said insurance in the companies as designated in the report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Taylor, Lagorio, Blodgett and the President—5.

Nays—Director Waterman—1.

Director Stern not voting.

Director Waterman moved that the table prepared by Mr. Wickersham, under the guidance of a representative of the Board of Underwriters, showing the operation of the various co-insurance clauses as enforced in policies written by the companies represented on the Board of Underwriters, be published in the proceedings of the Board.

Carried.

The following is the table:

50% Co-Insurance. Rate $1.68 for Five Years.

Value.	50%.	Insurance.	Deficiency.	Loss.	Company Loses.		Insured Loses.		Cost.
$400,000	$200,000	$200,000	....	$10,000	all	$10,000	.....	.....	$3,360
400,000	200,000	150,000	50,000	10,000	3-4	7,500	1-4	2,500	2,520
400,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	10,000	1-2	5,000	1-2	5,000	1,680
400,000	200,000	75,000	125,000	10,000	3-8	3,750	5-8	6,250	1,260
400,000	200,000	50,000	150,000	10,000	1-4	2,500	3-4	7,500	840

60% Co-Insurance. Rate $1.44 for Five Years.

400,000	240,000	240,000	.....	10,000	all	10,000	.....	.....	3,456
400,000	240,000	200,000	40,000	10,000	5-6	8,334	1-6	1,666	2,800
400,000	240,000	150,000	90,000	10,000	5-8	6,250	3-8	3,750	2,160
400,000	240,000	100,000	140,000	10,000	5-12	4,166	7-12	5,834	1,440
400,000	240,000	50,000	190,000	10,000	5-24	2,083	19-24	7,917	720

70% Co-Insurance. Rate $1.32 for Five Years.

400,000	280,000	280,000	.....	10,000	all	10,000	.....	.....	3,696
400,000	280,000	200,000	80,000	10,000	5-7	7,144	2-7	2,856	2,640
400,000	280,000	150,000	130,000	10,000	15-28	5,357	13-28	4,643	1,995
400,000	280,000	100,000	180,000	10,000	5-14	3,567	9-14	6,423	1,320
400,000	280,000	50,000	230,000	10,000	5-28	1,786	23-28	8,214	660

80% Co-Insurance. Rate $1.20 for Five Years.

400,000	320,000	320,000	.....	10,000	all	10,000	.....	.. ..	3,840
400,000	320,000	200,000	120,000	10,000	5-8	6,250	3-8	3,750	2,400
400,000	320,000	150,000	170,000	10,000	15-32	4,687	17-32	5,313	1,800
400,000	320,000	100,000	220,000	10,000	5-16	3,125	11-16	6,875	1,200
400,000	320,000	75,000	245,000	10,000	15-64	2,344	49-64	7,656	900
400,000	320,000	50,000	270,000	10,000	5-32	1,563	27-32	8,437	600

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

In the absence of the Chairman, Director Stern presented the annual report of the Committee on Finance, which was received and referred to the President.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Blodgett brought up the question of requiring all employés of the Board to register on the time clock and moved that the matter be referred to the Commiitee on Administration for report.

Carried.

On motion of Director Roulston, the Board adjourned.

H. G. WILSON,
Acting Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—Directors Roulston and Bowers.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Director Blodgett the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held June 1, 1908, were approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President presented the following communication from the Corporation Counsel, and on motion of Director Waterman it was received and ordered made a part of the proceedings of the Board.

"City of Chicago,
"Law Department,
"Office of the Corporation Counsel.

"In Re Frontage Consent of City of Chi-
"cago.
"For Chicago Public Library to Chicago
"City Railway Company.

"June 5, 1908.

"*Hon. B. J. Cigrand, President*
"*Board of Chicago Public Library.*

"*Dear Sir:*—The question having arisen relative to the manner of granting frontage consent to the Chicago City Railway Company for the Chicago Public Library building, and as to whether the same should be done by action of the trustees of the Library or by action of the city council, I beg to say:

"In the year 1804 the United States established the military post of Fort Dearborn immediately south of Chicago River upon the southwest fractional quarter of Section 10. It was occupied by troops as well when Illinois in 1818 was admitted

into the Union as when Congress passed the Act of March 3, 1819, authorizing the sale of certain military sites. By that act it was provided 'that the Secretary of War be and he is hereby authorized under the direction of the President of the United States to cause to be sold such military sites belonging to the United States as may have been found or become useless for military purposes, and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized on the payment of the consideration agreed for into the treasury of the United States to make, execute and deliver all needful instruments conveying and transferring the same in fee; and the jurisdiction which had been specially ceded for military purposes to the United States by a state over such site or sites shall thereupon cease.' 3 Statute 520. In 1824, upon the written request of the Secretary of War, the southwest fractional quarter of Section 10, containing about 57 acres and within which Fort Dearborn was situated, was formally reserved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office from sale and for military purposes. Wilcox vs. Jackson, 13 Pet. 499, 452. The lands so reserved were subdivided by authority of the Secretary into blocks, lots, streets and public grounds called the 'Fort Dearborn addition to Chicago.' The plat of said subdivision was acknowledged on June 7, 1839; the acknowledgment and recording of said plat amounting to a statutory dedication to the City of Chicago of those portions of the premises platted as were marked thereon as granted to the public.

"That part of Fort Dearborn Addition to Chicago known as Dearborn Park upon which the Chicago Public Library now stands was platted as 'Public ground forever to remain vacant of buildings.'

"This dedication has been judicially declared to have vested in the City of Chicago the Fee Simple Title to the public grounds in question in trust for the public uses and purposes as indicated on the plat. State of Illinois v. Illinois Central R. Co., 33 Fed. Rep. 730; affirmed in the U. S. Supreme Court, 146 U. S. 387.

"The court held in said case that inasmuch as the site was no longer used for military purposes or for any purpose connected with the exercise of the powers of the general government all the lands embraced within its limits ceased to be a part of the national domain. The title to the specific lands passed to those who purchased them, while jurisdiction over the streets and open grounds dedicated to public use passed from the United States; the title to and immediate possession and control of such streets and grounds vested in the local government, that is, in the municipal corporation of Chicago, as a public agency of the State for the purposes for which such dedication was made.

"It has been held that in the absence of express legislative authority, the City of Chicago cannot alienate public ground or divert it from the uses and purposes for which it was dedicated. Kreig v. Chicago, 86 Ill. 407. A city as the agent or representative for the public holds the fee of a street therein for the use of the public, not the citizens of the city alone, but the entire public, of which the legislature is representative. (Chicago v. Rumsey, 87 Ill. 348, 355; People v. Walsh, 96 Ill. 232, 248.)

"The General Assembly undoubtedly has the power to direct or authorize the municipal corporation of the City of Chicago to change the use of the ground.

"The legislature represents the public. So far as concerns the public it may authorize one use today and another and different use tomorrow. If the new use affects private rights, proceedings for condemnation may have to be invoked, but so far as it affects the public alone, its representative, in the absence of constitutional restraint, may do as it pleases. (People v. Walsh, 96 Ill. 232.)

"There being no restraint in that regard

arising from either the United States Constitution or the Constitution of the State of Illinois, all property held for the public is under the uncontrolled power of the Assembly. (Harris v. Board of Supervisors, 105 Ill. 445.)

"The Chicago Public Library was organized under the Act of March 7, 1872, authorizing cities, incorporated towns and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms. The Act provides generally that the city council of each incorporated city, whether organized under the general law or special charter, shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the city and may levy taxes therefor.

"The title in fee simple to said ground being in the municipal corporation of the City of Chicago, the city council on May 19, 1890, passed the following ordinance:

" 'Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Chicago. Section 1. That the board of directors of the public library of the City of Chicago be and they are hereby authorized to take possession of the ground now known as 'Dearborn Park' in that part of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, known as the "Fort Dearborn Addition to Chicago," and bounded on the north by the south line of Randolph street, on the east by the west line of Michigan avenue, on the south by the north line of Washington street, on the west by the east line of an alley known as Dearborn place, and to erect thereon a public library building under and in pursuance of the powers and authority conferred upon said board of directors by the Statute entitled "An Act to authorize cities, incorporated towns and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms" (approved and in force March 7, 1872, and the various amendments thereto); *Provided*, that in erecting such building said board of directors shall make provision for a memorial hall for the use of such organizations of union soldiers and sailors of the late civil war as have their headquarters in Cook County, to be used by them for the purposes of their organization and for the preservation of relics and mementos of the late civil war at a nominal rent simply for the purpose of adornment for the period of fifty years and no longer.

" 'Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.'

Upon the passage of said ordinance, the board of directors of the library took possession of the same.

"Subsequently the General Assembly passed the following Act:

"CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

" 'An Act to authorize the Chicago public library to erect and maintain a public library on Dearborn Park in the City of Chicago, and to authorize the Soldiers' Home in Chicago to sell and dispose of its interest in the north one-quarter of the said park. (Approved June 2, 1891. In force July 1, 1891. L. 1891, p. 156; Legal News Ed., p. 113.)

" '*Whereas*, in the original subdivision of a tract of land in the west part of the southwest fractional quarter of section 10, township 39 north, range 14, east of the third principal meridian, as subdivided and platted under the authority of the Secretary of War in the year 1839, a square or tract of land in said subdivision, a part of which is known as Dearborn Park, was set aside for park purposes, and was so dedicated by the general government:

" '*And, Whereas*, the circumstances under which said dedication was made no longer exist, so that said park cannot be used or utilized for the purposes for which said dedication was made, the growth and development of business having now rendered it worthless for such purposes; therefore,

" '19. *May Erect Public Library on Dearborn Park*—Memorial Hall. §1. Be

it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That the Chicago public library be and is hereby authorized to take possession of the piece of ground now known as Dearborn park, in that part of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, known as "Fort Dearborn Addition to Chicago," and bounded on the north by the south line of Randolph street, on the east by the west line of Michigan avenue, on the south by the north line of Washington street, on the west by the east line of an alley known as Dearborn place, and to erect and maintain thereon a public library building under and in pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon said the Chicago public library by an Act entitled "An Act to authorize cities, incorporated towns and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms," approved and in force March 7, 1872, and the various amendments thereto; *Provided*, that no building shall be erected upon the north one-quarter (¼) of said ground by the Chicago public library until it has obtained, by purchase or otherwise, whatever interest the Soldiers' Home in Chicago acquired in the same, under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Soldiers' Home in Chicago to erect and maintain a soldiers' memorial hall on the north one-quarter (¼) of Dearborn park, in the City of Chicago," approved June 4, 1889; And provided further, that in case the Chicago public library shall obtain, by purchase or otherwise, whatever interest the Soldiers' Home in Chicago may have in said north one-quarter (¼) of Dearborn park, then and in such case the Chicago public library, in erecting such library building, shall construct in such part of it as it may elect or determine a hall to be known and forever maintain as a memorial hall to commemorate the patriotism and sacrifices of the Union soldiers and sailors of the late civil war, which hall when completed may be leased by the Chicago public library at a nominal rental for the period of fifty years in the grand army hall and memorial association of Illinois, to be used by it and such other organizations of Union soldiers and sailors of the late civil war having their headquarters in Cook county, as it may direct, for the purposes of their organization.

"'20. (*Soldiers' Home in Chicago May Sell, etc.*) §2. The Soldiers' Home in Chicago is hereby authorized to sell, assign, transfer and convey to the Chicago public library, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, all the right, title and interest which said Soldiers' Home in Chicago now hold in or to the north one-quarter (¼) of said Dearborn park; and when such assignment or conveyance is made the said Chicago public library shall become seized and possessed of all the rights and interest in and to said north one-quarter (¼) of Dearborn park that are now held by the Soldiers' Home in Chicago, or by the State of Illinois, and may take possession of and use the same for library purposes as provided in Section 1 of this Act.'

"The City of Chicago having the title in fee simple to Dearborn park and the General Assembly representing the public having the power to direct the city to change the use of the ground as it appears on the plat of the statutory dedication of 1839, was all the legislation required to authorize the use of said park for library purposes.

"When the City of Chicago by ordinance authorized the board of directors of the Chicago public library to take possession of said park, it did not thereby transfer its title thereto. It simply gave the possession of the same for the use of a specific purpose, namely, to erect thereon and maintain a public library in accordance with the Act of March 7, 1872, authorizing cities, etc., to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms; the members of this board are officers of the city appointed by the mayor

and the city council. The building and ground on which it stands is the property of the city.

"The city council is by statute authorized to lexy taxes for library purposes to be levied and collected in like manner with the general taxes of the city, and the general taxes must by law be levied by an ordinance which specifies in detail the purposes and the amount of the appropriation, and the same holds good as to the tax levy for the public library. The Chicago public library is not a separate municipal corporation, but is a department of a municipality exercising delegated powers.

"Section 4 of Article XI, Constitution of Illinois, provides:

" 'No law shall be passed by the General Assembly granting the right to construct and operate a street railroad within any city, town or incorporated village without requiring the consent of the local authorities having control of the street or highway proposed to be occupied by such street railroad.'

"Paragraph 90, Section 63, Article V, Chapter 24, of the Cities, Villages and Towns Act, Revised Statutes of Illinois, provides:

" 'The city council or board of trustees shall have no power to grant the use of or the right to lay down any railroad tracks in any street of the city to any steam, dummy, electric, cable, horse or other railroad company, whether the same shall be incorporated under any general or special law of the state now or hereafter in force except upon the petition of the *owners* of the land representing more than one-half of the frontage of the street, or so much thereof as is sought to be used for railroad purposes.'

"The City of Chicago being the holder of the fee of said ground, have the board of directors of the Chicago public library the power to sign either for or against frontage consent to enable the Chicago City Railway Company to lay its tracks in Dearborn place?

"The Supreme Court of Illinois, construing the word 'owner' as used in connection with real estate say: 'the word "owner" has been repeatedly determined to mean a fee simple interest in land.'

2nd Gilman, 138.

Wright v. Bennett, 3 Scammon, 258.

I. M. F. Ins. Co. v. Manufacturing Co., 1 Gilman, 236.

W. Ins. Co. v. Schueller, 60 Ill. 465.

"This is the definition as uniformly given by the Supreme Court of the state as applying to realty. It is a well-known rule of construction that when words have acquired a meaning through judicial interpretation, it is to be presumed that they were used in that sense in subsequent statutes.

98 U. S. 440; 1 PETERS, 46.

"In Merritt v. Kewanee, 175 Ill. 537, it is held that the word 'Owners' as used in the local improvement act of 1897 with reference to parties who are required to sign the petition for an improvement means owners of the fee of the abutting property.

"In the case of Theurer v. The People, 211 Ill. 296, the question was raised as to whether the Board of Park Commissioners could properly sign for or against the consent to grant a saloon license upon a street on which the park abuts. The court held that the legislature vested in the Commissioners all the power and authority over said park now by law conferred upon the city council of the City of Chicago in respect to public squares and places in said city, and that, therefore, the Commissioners had the right to control the same.

"No such power was vested in the board of directors of the library either by the ordinance of the city council of May 19, 1890, or by the act of the General Assembly of June 2, 1891.

"In Dexter vs. Sprague, 22 R. I. 324, a statute provided that no license for the sale of liquor should be granted where objections were filed by the owners or oc-

cupants of the greater part of the land within 200 feet of the place for which license was asked. It was held that the City of Providence was the owner or occupant of Roger Williams Park within the meaning of that statute. The court said:

"'Its control of the park for the purpose of this act was as complete as that of any owner of land. As a public resort, the city has a peculiar interest in the surroundings of the park, and clearly should have the right to object to the locating of liquor saloons in the vicinity.'

"In Paterson R. Co. vs. Mayor, 24 N. J. Eq. 158, the statute required that parties seeking to lay a railroad in any street should first obtain permission for the purpose from a majority of the owners of property fronting on the streets or avenues through which they propose to lay the railroad and also of the mayor and aldermen of the city. A public park fronted on the route of the proposed road. It had been dedicated to public use by its previous owners, to be an open or public square or common forever and was within the control of the city and the city authorities. The city had passed an ordinance authorizing the laying of the tracks, and it was held that this operation as an expression of its consent, both as a municipal authority and as owner of the park. The court said: 'The legislature, in thus requiring the consent of the majority of the property owners, intended merely to make it a matter of choice with them whether the railroad should be laid or not. The city in reference to the square is the owner, within the meaning of the act. It is the duty of the city authorities, and they are the proper persons to judge as to whether the railway in the street would be prejudicial to public property or otherwise and that, too, in regard to property dedicated to public use as well as to public property the fee whereof is in the corporation.'

"It is clear that title in fee simple to Dearborn park is vested in the municipal corporation of the City of Chicago in trust for the uses of the people by adjudication by the United States Supreme Court in Illinois Central R. Co. vs. Illinois, 146 U. S. 387; yet, the city, in the absence of express legislative authority, could not alienate the same or divert it from the uses and purposes for which it was dedicated, the General Assembly having the power to direct or authorize the City of Chicago to change the use of said ground passed the act of June 2, 1891, enabling the Chicago public library to erect the building, thus enabling the board of directors of the library to secure whatever rights the Soldiers' Home in Chicago may have obtained in said ground by the act of June 4, 1889, which authorized the Soldiers' Home in Chicago to erect and maintain a soldiers' memorial hall on the north one-quarter of Dearborn park. It will be clearly seen that the legislation had was simply to enable the City of Chicago to erect the library building.

"I am of the opinion that the title in fee simple to Dearborn park is in the municipal corporation of the City of Chicago and that the city council is the proper body to give or refuse the consent to the Chicago City Railway Co. to lay its tracks upon the streets or alley abutting the Chicago public library.

"Respectfully yours,

"Robert R. Jampolis,

"*Assistant Corporation Counsel.*"

"Approved.

"Edward J. Brundage,

"*Corporation Counsel.*"

A communication was received from Ethel E. Hooper, Sec'y of the Story Hour Association, enclosing a report from Ethel R. McDowell, Sec'y of the Library Committee of the Chicago Woman's Club and Mrs. H. W. Lockett of the Englewood Woman's Club, giving a detailed report of the work accomplished by these

two organizations in the field houses at Hamilton Park and Davis Square. Also; enclosing a communication from Louise Roth, Sec'y of the Library Extension Story Hour Committee, outlining a plan for a series of story hours to be held in various branch reading rooms in the field houses and schools during the coming year.

Referred to the Committee on Branch Reading Rooms.

A communication was received from Mrs. Madeleine Wallin Sikes, relative to the establishment of a branch library or branch reading room in the old town hall in Austin.

Referred to the Committee on Branch Reading Rooms.

A communication was received from David Jacobs, page, resigning his position in the Library service to take effect June 6, 1908.

Director Waterman moved that the resignation of Mr. Jacobs be accepted and that the Librarian be authorized to make a requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for a page at a salary of $300 per annum to fill the vacancy.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

The H. R. Huntting Company, books	$ 58.75
A. C. McClurg & Co , books	659.08
Bruno Hessling Co., books	74.45
The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co., books	41.80
The H. W. Wilson Co., books	37.00
Henry Malkan, books	22.50
The Burrows Brothers Co., book	20.00
Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, books	20.00
International Textbook Co., books	13.33
Rand, McNally & Co., maps	13.00
W. W. Nisbet, books	12.00
G. E. Stechert & Co., books and periodicals	8.77
Otto Harrassowitz, books, Marks 1123.85 (est.)	269.72
Ernst Wasmuth, books, Marks 188 20 (est.)	45.26
Em. Terquem. books, Francs 114.60 (est.)	22.92
Matthew Bell & Co., binding £6/6/-(est.)	30.68
Joseph Flucke, binding	691.36
Geo. E. Koehler, binding	673.39
Burgmeier Book Bindery, binding	139.40
Barrett Bindery Co., binders	35.48
Kirk's Ink Co., paste	10.10
W. D. Messinger & Co., paper for charging checks	97.86
Bradner Smith & Co., paper	9 35
Cameron, Amberg & Co., printing, cutting paper, etc	47 90
Geo. E. Cole & Co.. stationery	6.82
The Oliver Typewriter Co., ribbon coupons, etc	7.55
P. A. Salisbury-Schulz Co., dates and date holders	9.25
James Watson & Co., printing	61.30
N. B. Barlow Printing Co., printing	10.00
Chas. MacDonald & Co., periodicals	57.53
Bennett's Newspaper & Magazine Subscription Agency, subscriptions	4.85
H. G. Wilson, acting sec'y, cash expenses for May, 1908	142.08
	$3,353.48

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

In the absence of a majority of the Committee Director Lagorio, Chairman, moved that the matters in the hands of the Committee be taken up and acted upon in open Board,

Carried.

Director Lagorio then presented the following recommendations and moved that they be adopted.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

1. That the hours of duty of the morning attendant at Branch Reading Room No. 6 (Lewis Institute), which are now from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., be changed from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., and that the salary of the present incumbent (Miss Mathilda S. Nodek) be increased from $300 to $400 per annum.

2. That the automobile operators be allowed overtime pay of four dollars ($4.00) per month each, during the months from May 1 to September 30, in lieu of the weekly half holidays allowed to all other employees of the Library during those months.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Blodgett, Chairman, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Standard Oil Co., gasoline	$ 80.00
New York and New Jersey Lubricant Co., auto oil	20.91
Knox Automobile Co. of Illinois, parts for automobiles	134.54
The Hartford Rubber Works Co., rubber tires	97.94
American Battery Co., repairing storage batteries, type H. P	16.00
Peerless Electric Co., rewinding field coils	15.75
Gallaher & Speck, labor, etc., on automobiles	18.75
McMaster-Carr Supply Co., steam hose, etc	15.85
Illinois Electric Co., electrical supplies	11.60
The Beckley Ralston Co., parts for automobiles	12 55
J. H. McNamara Trunk Works, revarnishing and repairing trunks	65.75
John J. McGrath, station signs, etc	43.50
	$533.12

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Director Novak, Chairman, presented the following schedule of bills, regularly audited and approved, and moved that they be ordered paid.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Chicago Commons Ass'n, rent, etc., Grand Ave. reading room	$ 50.00
Rev. E. M. Dunne, rent, etc., State St. reading room	55.00
Ernst Stock, Agt., rent North Ave. reading room	60.00
Mrs. Maria Haussen, rent, etc., Milwaukee Ave. reading room	65.00
Max Kaplon, rent, etc., Blue Island Ave. reading room	70.00
Plzensky Sokol, rent, etc., Ashland Ave. reading room	75.00
Albert W. Greene, rent, etc., N. Clark St. reading room	75.00
Lewis Institute, rent, etc., Madison St. reading room	100.00
Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., gas	38 40
Frank J. Browning, coal	63.80
Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal	518.54
King's Model Laundry Co., laundering towels	35.47
The Haegele Ice Co., ice	16.09
Chicago Daily Journal, advertising	8.08
Raymond Express Co., delivering mail	9.00
J. F. McGuire, sprinkling streets around main building	30.00
The Draper Mfg. Co., thermometer charts	12.00
City Collector, City of Chicago, street car books, etc	7.30

Bullard & Gormley Co., hardware.....	6.85
D. J. Gallaher Mfg. Co., waste, etc.....	14.78
Burdett-Browntree Mfg. Co., brass pump valves, etc.....	19 30
John Mohr & Sons, repairs to boilers....	12.55
High Speed Metallic Packing Co., packing	7.50
Crandall Packing Co., metallic packing	4.50
Samuel Harris & Co., machinists' supplies.....	5.41
Central Electric Co., engineering supplies.....	12.64
Geo. B. Carpenter & Co., rope.....	29.19
James S. Kirk & Co., soft soap.....	19.35
Library Bureau, book cases, chairs, etc.	370.44
F. Herhold & Sons, chair.....	6 50
Seth Thomas Clock Co., two clocks	10.80
Murray Tent and Awning Co., 8 new awnings, hanging 13 other awnings....	105.00
H. G. Wilson, acting secretary, cash expenses for May, 1908.....	92.36
	$2,005.85

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Secretary was directed to present to the Board a report showing all changes in the by-laws that had been enacted since the last edition was published in October, 1903.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

It was moved that the Special Committee on Branch Reading Rooms in Schools and Parks be discharged and that the matters in its hands be transferred to the new Committee on Branch Reading Rooms.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

Director Stern stated that the annual meeting of the American Library Association will be held at Lake Minnetonka June 22d to June 27th, and that the librarians from various points of the country expect to arrive in Chicago on a special train on June 20th.

He also stated that it has been the custom for a number of years for the cities that are the gathering point of the members of the "A. L. A." to entertain the members during their stay.

It has been estimated that the expense of this proposed entertainment will amount to about $600, which will have to be met by the libraries and people interested in library work in Chicago and vicinity.

Director Stern moved that the sum of $100 be appropriated towards this expense and that the Secretary be instructed to pay the sum from the incidental fund.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Novak, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Stern moved that the Librarian be given permission to attend the "A. L. A." conference at Lake Minnetonka and that the Secretary be made acting librarian during his absence.

Carried.

Director Lagorio moved that the Board adjourn.

Carried.

H. G. WILSON,

Acting Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REGULAR MEETING.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1908.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

There were present when the Board was called to order, the President, Director Cigrand, in the chair, and Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett and Waterman.

Absent—Directors Bowers and Novak.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Director Roulston moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 1908, be approved as recorded and printed, without being read.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received as follows:

From Miss M. A. Kelly, requesting the Board to pay her for services as keeper of delivery station No. 20 South, located at 8670 Vincennes avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Delivery Stations.

From Miss Grace Luther, praying the Board to establish a delivery station under her care at 5005 State street.

Director Blodgett stated that this question had been considered by the Committee on Delivery Stations and moved that a station be opened in accordance with the request for the usual sixty days trial without pay.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Director Stern, Chairman, presented the following lists of books, recommended by the Librarian, and moved that the books be ordered purchased.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

A list of current American books, 78 vols., to cost $94.00.

A list of current English books, 11 vols., to cost $22.00.

A list of juvenile books to be replaced, 2,241 vols., to cost $1,350.00.

A list of current American books for the Blackstone branch, 53 vols., to cost $46.00.

Director Stern moved that a contract for printing the proceedings of the Board for the two years beginning July 1, 1908, be awarded to James Watson & Co. at $1.90 per page, this being the lowest bid received; that an index to the proceedings for the two years ending June 30, 1908, be printed, and that thirty copies of the proceedings be bound at an estimated cost of $50.00.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Director Bowers entered the room and took his seat.

Director Stern stated that, in accordance with the usual custom, the Secretary had advertised for bids for furnishing the Library with American books and for binding for the year beginning July 1st next; that the bid of A. C. McClurg & Co. was the only one received for furnishing American books for the ensuing year, and recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that a contract be awarded to that firm for supplying these books in accordance with the schedule of discounts submitted by that company and now on file in the Secretary's office; said discounts ranging from 10 per cent on net and special books to 40 per cent on regular books.

Also, that a contract be awarded to Burgmeier Book Bindery for the finer grade of binding (reference books, magazines, etc.) at prices ranging from 70 cents for Century Magazine size in half-roan to $2.50 for Leslie Weekly size in half-morocco, and $1.25 for specifications of United States Patent Reports in half-sheep to $2.25 for newspapers in buckram.

Also, that contracts be awarded to Geo. E. Koehler and John Seybold for the medium grade binding at prices ranging from 38 cents for half-roan and 50 cents for half-morocco for books 7¾ inches tall to $1.50 for half-roan and $1.70 for half-morocco for books 17½ inches tall.

Also, that a contract be awarded to Geo. E. Koehler for resewing books in old covers at prices ranging from 18 cents for books 9 inches tall or less to 40 cents for books 14 inches tall or over.

Director Stern moved that the recommendations be concurred in and that contracts be entered into accordingly.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Stern stated that the deposit for Library of Congress cards and proof sheets had been overdrawn and moved that the sum of $100 be forwarded to renew this deposit.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None,

He, also, presented a list of bills for

miscellaneous books, continuations and specifications, amounting to $40.04, and moved that the bills be ordered paid from the incidental fund.

Carried.

He, also, presented the Librarian's report for the month of May, 1908, and moved that it be printed and filed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY STATIONS.

Director Blodgett, Chairman, stated that fifty new trunks were needed for the transportation of books and moved that the trunks be purchased from J. H. McNamara Trunk Works for the sum of $309.00, this being the lowest bid received.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8

Nays—None.

He also stated that a proposal had been received from Wayman & Murphy for repairing, repainting and lettering the Library's automobiles at a cost of about $60.00 each and moved that the work be awarded to that firm in accordance with their proposal.

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The question of the proposed routing of tracks through Garland court was brought up and Director Roulston moved that the communication of Colin C. H. Fyffe, presented to the Board May 18th last, be published in the proceedings of Board.

Carried.

The following is the communication:

"May 11, 1908.

"*To the Honorable, The Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, Illinois.*

"*Gentlemen:*—The former President of the Public Library Board took up with me last January the legal questions involved in the proposed routing of the tracks of the Chicago City Railway Company through Garland Court, the street or alley bounding the Public Library on the west. I was authorized by Mr. Bowers and Mr. Eckhart, the latter of whom was then a member of the Board, to examine the legal questions involved, particularly with reference to the title, if any, of the Public Library in the property upon which the building stands, with a view, if thought advisable subsequently by the Board, of taking steps to prevent the use of this street as proposed.

"I have since then made myself acquainted with the legal questions involved. For the purposes of this communication it is unnecessary to consider those questions in detail or to give any argumentative opinion in regard to them. It will be enough to state that there are two material questions:—

"First: Where lies the title to the property formerly known as Dearborn Park, upon which the Public Library building is situated.

"Second: Whether, assuming the Public Library Board to have control for this property of the matter of frontage consents to the laying of tracks through Garland Court, could it successfully take steps to resist the occupation of the court by the railway company.

"After a careful consideration of the

questions involved, I believe that there is very little doubt that the fee to the north quarter of the Dearborn Park property is in the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library as Special Trustees to carry out the purposes for which the Legislature conferred title upon them. I believe further that there is strong ground for the opinion that the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library has, through the operation of the original dedication by the Secretary of War in 1839, by the city ordinance and by the statute of 1891, been given the right to grant or withhold, on behalf of the whole property, the frontage consent to the operation of any street railway through the street in question.

"If it is true that the property is the property of the Library Board so far at least as to confer upon your Honorable Body the control of frontage for this purpose, and if a majority of the frontage consents shall not have been obtained to the proposed routing, then I am further of the opinion that the directors of the Public Library would be entitled, in view of the particular facts of this case, to an injunction preventing the railway company from taking the action threatened. The particular facts which differentiate this case from others where such an injunction has been refused to a non-consenting property owner, lies in this, that the use proposed would amount to an exclusive use of this street so as, for all practical intents, to prevent the use of the street for ordinary street purposes.

"I was further informed, at the time I was asked to look into the matter, that it was proposed not only to run a line of tracks through Garland Court between Washington and Randolph streets, but also to cut away about ten feet of the sidewalk on the east side of the Court. About the east five feet of this space would be located not in Garland Court, but upon the original Dearborn Park property. I was informed that it was contemplated that a city ordinance would be passed to carry this purpose into effect. Such an ordinance would, I take it, be in the nature of an ordinance vacating a certain strip off the west side of Dearborn Park. It is plain that if the City Council can take an inch it can take an ell. If it can vacate five feet of this property it can vacate it all. I firmly believe that any such action would be wholly in contravention of the Act of July 1, 1891, entitled 'An Act to authorize The Chicago Public Library to erect and maintain a public library on Dearborn Park in the City of Chicago and to authorize The Soldiers' Home in Chicago to sell and dispose of interests in the North One Quarter (¼) of the said park.' Since I was first retained in this matter the members and officers of the Public Library Board have been somewhat changed. The question whether your legal rights should be determined by executive rather than by judicial action is of great importance. In case you take a position of opposition to the occupation of the street, the possibility of a disagreement with other municipal authorities has such an air of likelihood that I feel constrained to come to your Honorable Body for further and definite instructions.

"Yours very respectfully,

"Colin C. H. Fyffe."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Director Bowers, Chairman, stated that the Committee had considered the question of investing the trust funds of the Board now represented by certificates of deposit and moved that the following bonds, at prices quoted, be purchased:

Carried.

Yeas—Directors Roulston, Bowers, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—Director Blodgett—1.

$ 3,000	Chicago Sanitary District	4's,	due 1923 at 100	$ 3,000.00
4,000	Chicago West Park	4's,	due 1923, at 100	4,000.00
13,000	Chicago West Park	4's,	due 1916, at 100	13,000.00
3,000	Chicago Sanitary District	4's,	due 1919, at 100	3,000.00
5,000	City of Chicago	4½'s,	due 1924, at 105.55	5,277.50
5,000	City of Chicago	4½'s,	due 1925, at 105.80	5,290.00
8,000	City of Chicago	4½'s,	due 1926, at 106.05	8,484.00
1,000	City of Chicago	4½'s,	due 1927, at 106.30	1,063.00
				$43,114.50

COMMITTEE ON BRANCH READING ROOMS.

Director Taylor, Chairman, reported, informally, that the Committee had made a tour of the South Division of the city, visiting the branch reading rooms.

Also, that the Committee was considering the offers of co-operation for a series of story-hours to be held in the branch reading rooms in the field houses, which was referred to the Committee at a recent meeting.

Also, that the President of the West Park Board had informed him that the field houses in the small parks at Chicago avenue and Noble street and at Fisk and Twenty-first streets were about ready to be opened to the public, and moved that a sum not to exceed $2,000 be appropriated for the purchase of books and periodicals for each of the branch reading rooms to be opened in the above mentioned field houses.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Taylor, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Director Taylor was excused from the room.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

The President presented the Thirty-Sixth Annual Report.

It was moved and seconded that the report be received and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit it to the City Council.

Carried.

The Librarian presented an abstract of his report of the operations of the Library for the past year and it was received and made a part of the Annual Report.

The Secretary presented his Financial Report for the past year and it was received and made a part of the Annual Report of the Board.

It was moved that 1,000 copies of the annual report be printed in pamphlet form.

Carried.

Yeas — Directors Roulston, Bowers, Stern, Lagorio, Blodgett, Waterman and the President—7.

Nays—None.

The Secretary presented a report on the changes in the by-laws of the Board, and on motion of Director Waterman the report was received and ordered published in the proceedings of the Board.

To the President and Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the instructions of the Board at its last regular

meeting I beg to submit herewith a report giving the by-laws of the Board as amended and in force at the present date.

Respectfully,

H. G. WILSON,

Acting Secretary.

CHICAGO, June 22, 1908.

BY-LAWS

OF

The Chicago Public Library

ARTICLE I. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, for the election of officers, shall be held as soon as is practicable after the first day of July, and after the new Directors shall have been appointed and have qualified.

ART. II. Regular meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 8 o'clock p. m., and at all meetings five Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board. Provided, less than a quorum may adjourn to a day and hour, notice of which shall be given in writing by the Secretary to each member of the Board. The order of business at regular meetings of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Reading the records of previous meeting.
2. Communications.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Reports from Standing Committees.
5. Reports from Special Committees.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. New Business.

ART. III. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary, upon the written request of the President or of any two Directors, and a notice thereof of not less than two days shall be given to each Director, in which shall be stated the object of the meeting, and no business shall be transacted at such meeting except such as is stated in the notice.

ART. IV. The officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary, who shall hold their offices respectively until the next annual election, and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified.

ART. V. There shall be seven Standing Committees, to be appointed by the President, namely: A committee on Library; on Administration; on Delivery Stations; on Buildings and Grounds; on Finance; on Branch Reading Rooms; and on By-Laws; each of said Committees to consist of three Directors; *provided*, that if any member of any Committee be unable or fail to act on account of sickness, absence or other cause, the President may add one or more members to such Committee to serve temporarily. Special Committees may from time to time be appointed when ordered by the Board.

ART. VI. The President shall be ex-officio a member of each of the Committees, without power to vote. It shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of the Board; to sign all vouchers certified to be correct by the Secretary and approved by the Board, upon which warrants shall be drawn on the City Treasury on account of the Library Fund; to appoint the Standing Committees for the year; to prepare, for the consideration of the Board, the annual report of the Board of Directors, required by the seventh section of the "Free Public Library" Act.

ART. VII. In the absence or inability of the President, all the duties of that office shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a neat, exact and permanent record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, and have copies thereof printed for the use and information of the members of the Board and of the officers of the Library. He shall, also, keep a record, when required to do so, of the transactions of the Committees of the Board, and send notices of all meetings of the Board to the Directors, and of the Committees to the members

thereof. The Secretary shall, also, under the supervision of the Committee on Finance, be the financial officer of the Library, and keep its accounts and receive and safely deposit and account for all moneys which may come into his custody from bequests, legacies, donations, fines, security deposits, sale of finding lists, books lost and paid for, and all other moneys which, under the rules and practice of the Library, may be placed in his custody as Secretary.

All moneys received from bequests or donations and all moneys derived from the investment of such funds shall be deposited in a bank, to be designated by the Library Board, in the name of "The Chicago Public Library."

The investment of bequeathed, or donated funds shall be made by the Committee on Finance, subject, however, to the approval of the Board in the case of each investment.

All warrants against funds deposited to the credit of The Chicago Public Library received from bequests or donations, or against interest thereon or revenue therefrom, shall be drawn by the Secretary of the Public Library Board and shall be countersigned, after being drawn, by the hand of the President of the Public Library Board. But such warrants shall first be ordered paid in the usual course by the Library Board. No warrant for a greater sum than five thousand ($5,000) dollars shall be drawn unless it shall, in addition to the signatures of the Secretary and President, be also countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board, and no warrant for a sum greater than five thousand ($5,000) dollars shall be presented for payment without being accompanied by a certified copy of a resolution of the Public Library Board ordering its payment.

He shall make to the Board, at the first meeting in each month, a statement of all moneys received and disbursed by him in the preceding month, and once each quarter he shall report the condition of the Library Fund, appending thereto a certificate as to the correctness of all his books of account for said quarter. And he shall perform such other duties as the Board may direct, and give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may order.

Art. IX. A Librarian and First Assistant Librarian shall be elected by the Board at its first regular meeting in April of each year. The Librarian shall, under the control of the Board of Directors, have charge of the rooms and working force of the Library, and shall be responsible for the care and safety of the books and other public property contained therein, and for the preservation of order in the rooms. He shall prepare, for the use of the Committee on Library, lists of books to be purchased; and shall have executive superintendence of all matters under the supervision of the several Standing Committees. He shall report to the Committee on Library, at its first meeting in each month, upon the condition and circulation of the books for the preceding month, and shall also make an annual report to the Board of Directors at the first regular meeting in June. The First Assistant Librarian shall, under the Librarian, have charge and control of the catalogue department, and of the persons employed therein. In the absence of the Librarian he shall attend to such details of administration as apply to the routine of the Library.

Art. X. The Committee on Library shall have control and supervision of all matters relating to the selection, purchase, exchange and binding of books and periodicals; the sale and exchange of duplicates, and of old magazines and papers not kept for filing and binding; the arrangement, printing, sale and disposition of catalogues and finding lists, and of the statistics of circulation; and in all matters relating to the stamps, plates, labels and printed forms in use in the Library. It shall be the duty of the Committee to report upon the condition and circulation of the books for the preceding month at the first regular meeting of the Board in each month. It shall be its further duty to examine as often as practicable the books in the Library, and to exclude from circulation,

and, if deemed expedient, from the Library, also, any and all books offensive to good morals, if any such shall be found in the Library. In every such case the Committee shall report to the Board, giving the reasons for whatever action shall have been thus taken. No purchase of books or periodicals shall be made except by authority of the Board. It shall make a summary report annually to the Board of Directors at the last regular meeting in May.

Art. XI. The Committee on Administration shall have supervision of matters relating to the appointment, control, remuneration and hours of service of the employés of the Library; to the arrangement for the circulation of books and periodicals, and the needful examination of the Library. It shall make a summary report annually to the Board of Directors at the last regular meeting in May.

Art. XII. The Committee on Delivery Stations shall have supervision and care of the Delivery Stations established by the Board, and of all matters pertaining thereto. It shall make a summary report annually to the Board of Directors at the last regular meeting in May.

Art. XIII. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds shall have supervision of the maintenance, alteration, repair, furnishing, heating and lighting of the Library and Branch Library Buildings; the Branch Reading Rooms, including the leasing of said rooms, and of insurance. It shall make a summary report annually to the Board of Directors at the last regular meeting in May.

Art. XIV. The Committee on Finance shall have supervision of the accounts, the revenues arising from the Library Fund and from other sources, and the care, custody and investment of all moneys received by the Library through bequests, legacies or donations. It shall make a summary report annually to the Board of Directors at the last regular meeting in May.

Art. XV. The Committee on By-Laws shall consider and report upon all propositions for the amendment, repeal, and revision of any of the By-Laws of the Library, and upon all legal questions arising in the Board.

Art. XV.-A. The Committee on Branch Reading Rooms shall have supervision of the location, equipment and management of the Branch Reading Rooms, and, also, the supervision of all lectures, story-hours and other accessory educational agencies held under the auspices of the Board of Directors.

Art. XVI. At any meeting the ayes and noes shall be called upon any question before the Board, at the request of one Director.

Art. XVII. All proposed expenditures of money, except current and incidental expenses, shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, be referred to the proper Committee for consideration and report thereon, and no appropriation shall be made, or indebtedness incurred, to an amount exceeding one hundred dollars, without the concurring votes of a majority of the Directors.

Art. XVIII. Under the Civil Service Act, in effect August 26, 1895, all applicants for positions of any kind in the Library are required to pass the Civil Service examination. No application, therefore, will be considered by the Board of Directors until after the applicant has passed such examination, and then only in the order in which his or her name appears on the "Registers of Eligibles," and when a vacancy occurs in the grade for which he or she has passed the examination.

Art. XIX. The salaries of the employés shall be fixed annually by the Board; and promotions may be made for efficiency, faithfulness, length of service, or other sufficient cause, in accordance with the rules of the Civil Service Commission. The employment, compensation and discharge of all employés of the Library Board shall be considered only in executive session.

All communications by employés of the Library addressed to the Board, shall be transmitted through the Libra-

rian, or in his absence, through the Secretary of the Board, unless such communications concern such officers; and it shall be the duty of such officer to present such communications at the next meeting of the Board, with his opinion thereon accompanying the same.

Art. XX. The term of service of all employés of the Library shall be dependent upon good conduct and efficiency and the requirements of the service. They shall be subject to suspension from employment by the Committee on Administration, or Librarian, with loss of salary during such suspension, on account of absence without leave, want of attention to business, unreasonable waste of time, want of courtesy toward the public, or improper behavior of any kind. When a suspension shall have been ordered by the Committee, such suspension, with reasons therefor, shall be reported by the Committee to the Board at its next regular meeting. When the Librarian shall have suspended an employé, he shall report the fact to the Committee on Administration for its approval or disapproval, and the reasons for such approval or disapproval shall be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting thereof. Any employé who shall be suspended shall, upon such suspension, be subject to dismissal by the Board of Directors, but he or she shall be given an opportunity to be heard in his or her own defense before the Board, as well as before the Civil Service Commission in the manner set forth in Section 12, entitled "Removals," of the Civil Service Act, before such dismissal shall take effect.

Employés shall be at their posts promptly, and shall remain there during the hours of their regular duty.

When reporting for duty employés shall register their time of arrival at the time clock.

Janitors, janitresses, elevator men and watchmen shall register both time of arrival and departure.

No employé shall handle any key except his or her own.

A record shall be kept of all cases of tardiness and a report of the same shall be made to the Committee on Administration.

Employés shall, also, register in the daily time book kept in each department. Heads of departments shall record in these books all absences of employés from their posts during regular hours whether excused or not.

Failure to register at the time clock or in the daily time book shall be counted as absence in making up the pay roll.

After May 1, 1904, all persons who have been regularly employed in the Library twelve months shall be entitled to vacations at the rate of three weeks each year, with pay, exclusive of legal holidays and one half-holiday each week allowed from May 1 to October 1, to be arranged by the Librarian. A record of the attendance of each employé shall be kept, and no allowance shall be made for absence from duty except as above provided.

Art. XXI. The Library shall be open on all secular days, except legal holidays, as follows:

The reading and reference rooms from 9 o'clock a. m. until 10 o'clock p. m.

The circulating department from 9 o'clock a. m. until 6:30 o'clock p. m.

On Sundays and holidays the reading and reference rooms shall be open from 9 o'clock a. m. until 6 o'clock p. m.

The branch reading rooms and delivery stations shall be open during such hours as the Board shall from time to time determine.

If a holiday occur on Sunday the day succeeding or the day preceding such Sunday may, at the discretion of the Committee on Administration, be treated as such holiday.

Art. XXII. Any person of good deportment and habits may use the Reading and Reference Rooms. No person who is intoxicated or is unclean in person or dress shall be admitted to, or allowed to remain in, these rooms. No person shall be allowed to converse, smoke, partake of refreshments, lounge or sleep in such rooms, or use them for

any purpose for which they are not intended.

Every person desiring to read a periodical in the Reading Room or a book in the Reference Room other than those kept on the open shelves, shall write plainly his or her true name and place of abode on a slip furnished for the purpose, with the list number of the periodical, or shelf number of the book desired, and shall hand the slip to the attendant, to be held as a voucher. Before leaving the room the borrower shall return the periodical or book to the attendant, and shall not under any circumstances take the same from the room.

Art. XXIII. Any resident of Chicago may draw books from the Library by registering his or her name and complying with either of the following conditions:

1. Giving satisfactory security in the form of an application signed by some responsible resident of Chicago to remain in force for a period of three years.

2. Depositing three dollars with the Secretary, and in special cases such further sum as the value of the book asked for may, in the judgment of that officer, require. For such deposit a receipt shall be given. The privileges of the Library are extended to persons residing outside of the city limits of Chicago, in Cook County, who pay city taxes or are engaged in a permanent business or are attending school in Chicago; subject to the regulations that apply to the actual residents of the city; provided, that the guarantor for such person be an actual resident of the city.

Special privilege cards may be issued to teachers in public and regularly organized private schools in the city entitling the holder to draw six books at a time for the use of pupils, subject to the general rules governing the circulation of books.

In order to extend the usefulness of the library an inter-library loaning system is approved, and the Librarian is authorized to honor at his discretion requisitions from other libraries for books for special use, and to make requisitions upon other libraries for books for patrons of this Library.

Art. XXIV. The Board of Directors may, for special reasons admit to the use of the Library, persons not actual residents of Cook County. All the privileges of the Library given to Directors shall be extended to ex-Directors.

Art. XXV. Each person entitled to draw books from the Library will be supplied with a card inscribed with his or her name, residence, and register number. This card must be presented whenever a book is taken, returned or renewed; and if lost, it will not be replaced until ten days after notice of the loss shall have been given. Immediate notice of a change of residence must be given at the Library. Neglect to give this notice shall subject the cardholder to forfeiture of privileges.

Art. XXVI. The holder of a card is entitled to draw one book, if octavo or larger size; or two books of smaller size than octavo, they being the same work.

Art. XXVII. Books may be retained two weeks, and may be once renewed for the same period. No book shall be reissued to the same person until it has been on the shelf twenty-four hours.

Art. XXVIII. Books of recent purchase, labeled "Seven-Day Book," shall not be retained more than one week and shall not be renewed or transferred.

Art. XXIX. Encyclopedias, dictionaries, bound periodicals, and other works of reference, elaborately illustrated books and such others as may be unsuited for general circulation, can be used only in the Library rooms.

Art. XXX. A fine of three cents a day shall be paid on each work, whether bound in one or more volumes, which is not returned according to the provisions of the preceding rules, and an additional charge of two cents shall be made for each notice sent for the return of a book, and no other book will be delivered to the party incurring the fine till

it is paid. When a book shall have been detained beyond the prescribed time, and it becomes necessary to send a messenger to the borrower to secure its return, an additional fine of twenty-five cents shall be added.

Art. XXXI. Writing or marking in books is prohibited; and all injuries to books beyond reasonable wear, and all losses, shall be promptly adjusted to the satisfaction of the Librarian.

Art. XXXII. Delinquents will be notified through the mails on the sixth day after their delinquency has occurred; and one week thereafter, if the book be not returned, the guarantor shall be notified. If the book be not returned within one month after serving the first notice, the Librarian may proceed to collect, through the Law Department of the city, the value of the book, with accrued fines and other charges to the date of the payment

Art. XXXIII. It shall be the duty of all persons having the privileges of the Library, to notify the Librarian of the existence of any contagious diseases in their residences or families, and for failure to do so their privileges may be declared forfeited by the Board.

Art. XXXIV. Any person abusing the privileges of the Library, or violating these regulations, shall be temporarily suspended from the use of the Library by the Librarian, and the case shall be reported to the Committee on Administration for proper action thereon; and such person may, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, forfeit his or her Library privileges.

Art. XXXV. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a majority of the Directors, but no such action shall be taken except at a regular meeting subsequent to the regular meeting at which such action was proposed.

On motion of Director Roulston the Board adjourned.

H. G. Wilson,
Acting Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR MAY, 1908.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books taken from the Library for home use during the month of May was 134,969, against 121,701 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The circulating department was open on 25 week days. The daily average week day circulation was 5,399.

REFERENCE ROOM.

	1908.	1907.
Number of recorded visitors	12,386	11,317
Books issued from stacks	32,685	31,202

No record was kept of the number of visitors who consulted the books on the open shelves.

THOMAS HUGHES READING ROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mean attendance per hour, 18. Average maximum attendance per hour, 23.

ROOM FOR ART BOOKS.

Visitors, 2,380. Books consulted, 7,066.

PATENTS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

	1908.	1907.
Number of visitors	2,245	2,091
Volumes consulted	10,283	9,647

BOUND NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

Visitors, 348. Bound newspapers consulted, 619. Books for the blind circulated, 62.

READING ROOM.

Periodicals issued at counter, 11,611. No record kept of use of periodicals and newspapers on open stands and racks. Mean attendance per hour, 214. Average maximum attendance per hour, 286.

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

	Av. Attendance at close of each hour.	Average Maximum Attendance.	Sunday Average.	Books Circulated
No. 1	22	34	14	2,491
No. 2	13	16	7	1,358
No. 3	14	28	9	1,408
No. 4	22	30	18	873
No. 5	13	20	9	1,483
No. 6	33	47	28	3,042
No. 7	18	27	32	1,197
No. 8	18	22	23	503
No. 9	13	20	22	692
No. 10	19	29	46	621
No. 11	28	39	40	151
No. 12	31	56	18	1,984
No. 13	22	37	4	1,018

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mean attendance per hour, 23. Average maximum attendance per hour, 46. No record kept of reference use of books. Number of books circulated, 6,673, of which 391 were circulated through the delivery stations department.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of books issued from 74 delivery stations was 88,619, against 77,529 from 70 stations for the same month of the preceding year.

REGISTRATION.

The number of cards issued on new registrations and re-registrations was 2,860, of which 1,579 were issued to males, and 1,281 to females. The registration of May, 1907, was 1,900. The number of three-year cards outstanding is 94,499.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

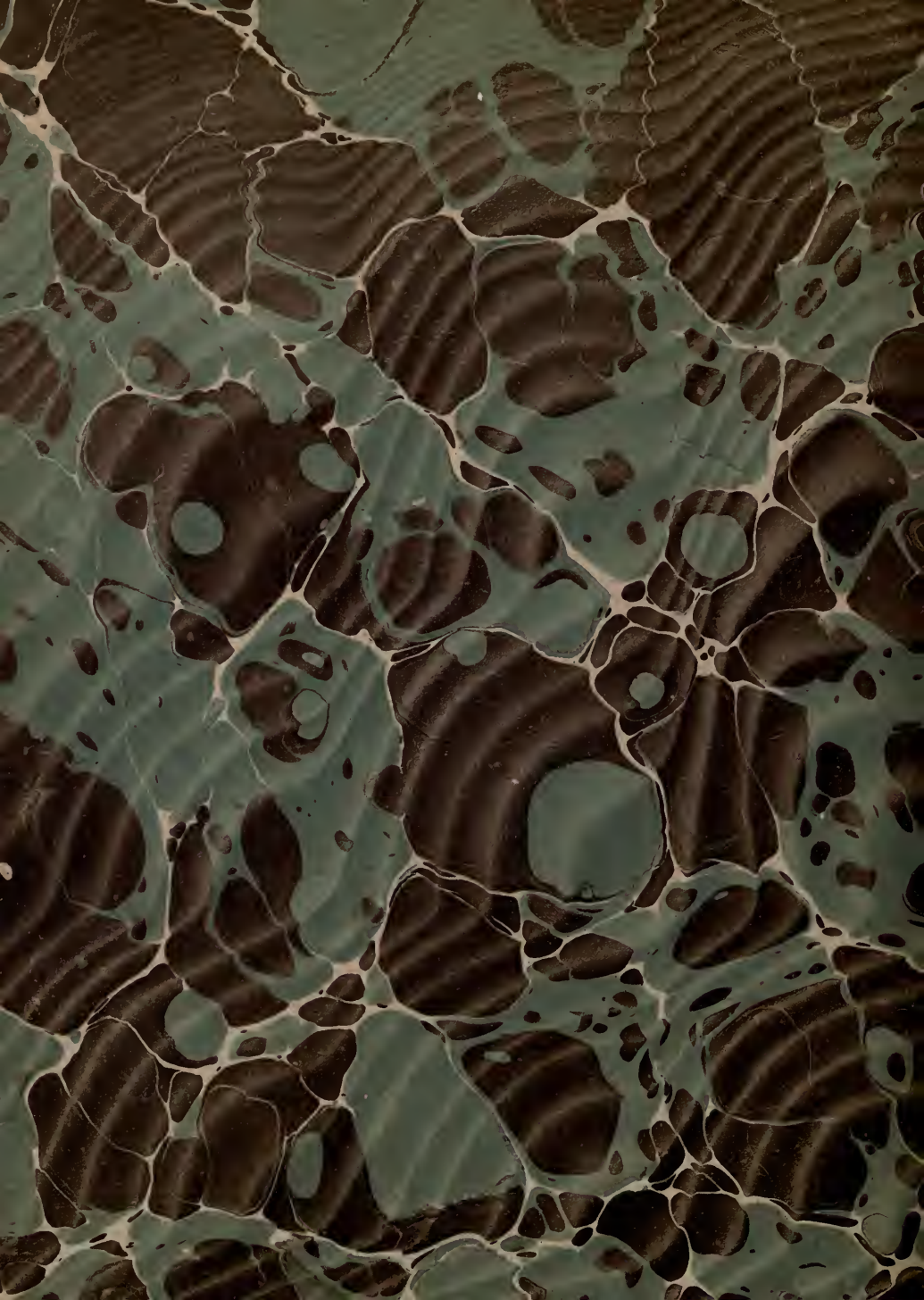
Number of books at binderies May 1, 1908	5,357
Number of books sent to binderies in May, 1908	3,255
Total number of books at binderies in May, 1908	8,612
Number of books received from binderies in May, 1908	3,653
Number of books at binderies May 31, 1908	4,959
Number of books repaired in Library in May, 1908	3,803

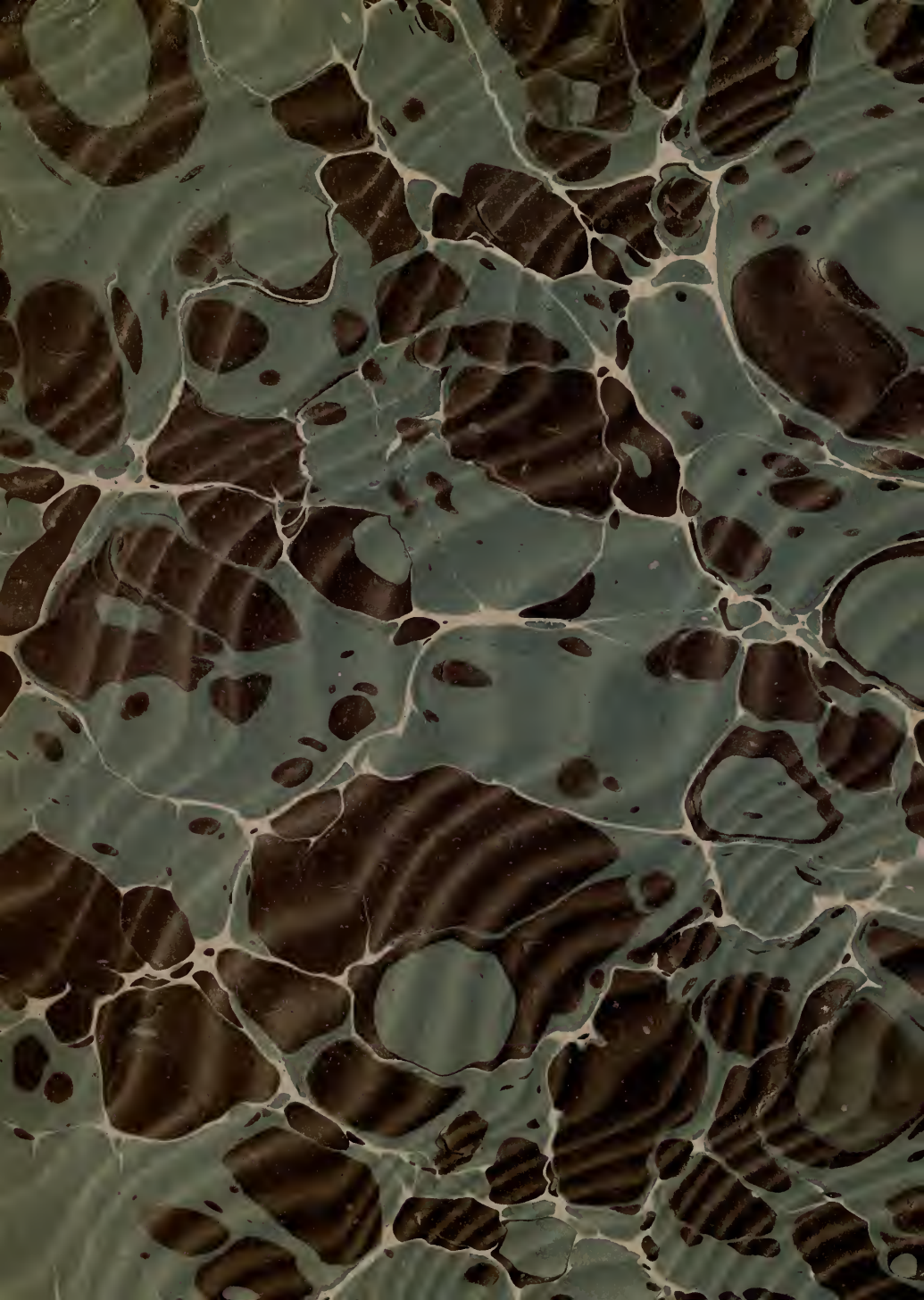
GROWTH OF LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library May 31, 1908, was 352,093. Received since June 1, 1907, 25,843; since May 1, 1908, 1,410. Books worn out and condemned since June 1, 11,466; since May 1, 976. Books lost and paid for since June 1, 600; since May 1, 60. Books found and money refunded since June 1, 86; since May 1, 0. There were also deducted 660 volumes missing in 1906-07; 87 volumes delinquent in 1906-07, and 219 duplicates disposed of.

FRED'K H. HILD,
Librarian.

CHICAGO, June 22, 1908.





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